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HUNG TAK BANK MURDERS.

MAN'S GRIM BATTLE FOR A CHOPPER.

The hearing of the case in which Li Man-poo is charged with murder at the Hung Tak Bank on May 23rd. last, when five children were killed in their sleep with a chopper, was resumed before Mr. Lindsell, yesterday afternoon.

Lan Yik-tin living on the third floor, said that there is a kitchen at the back of the floor. Before he went to sleep that night there were three choppers in the rack in the kitchen. He was aroused about five o'clock in the morning by cries of "save life." He and his three companions awoke, and two of them went downstairs, while the other remained behind. Looking through an iron grating he saw Fung Sik-chow lying on the floor covered with blood. His companion then went to the roof and shouted out "save life." As soon as the other two went down- stairs, the accused came up and entered the kitchen. Witness saw prisoner clearly. He followed the prisoner, and saw him take one of the choppers and draw it to and fro across his neck. Witness took the remaining two choppers and laid them aside; then he went up and tried to take the chopper from the hands of the prisoner. But he said, "brother mine, why did you do that, it is my own business and has nothing to do with you." The prisoner then dropped into a faint. Witness tried to pull him away, but, not succeeding, took the three choppers and went down the stairs. Immediately, the prisoner regained his feet and chased witness, and caught him by the back of the jacket, and tried to snatch the choppers from his hand.

During the struggle he fell down and the defendant fell on top of him, and attempted to snatch the choppers out of his hand, but witness threw two down to the second floor through the railings. The third chopper he wedged in between the railings so that the accused could not get it, though he had his hand on it. Eventually witness threw the chopper on to the second floor. He then went down and picked up the three choppers and concealed them.

One of the wounded men beckoned to him to come, and also pointed at another cubicle to indicate that there were injured people also there, but he did not go. He heard prisoner coming down the stairs. Accused went to a tea-cupboard and looked in apparently for something, but not finding what he wanted sat down on the floor. The police then arrived.

Witness' shirt was stained with the prisoner's blood.

Father's Evidence.

Ching Tai-chi, father of the two murdered boys, said that he was a partner in the Bank. His two sons, Ching Wing-yuen and Ching Wing-kit, both lived at the Bank. They were both found with their throats cut. He had known prisoner for ten years, but never had any disagreement with him. He had failed to get prisoner a job at a Bank, and he seemed to be disappointed over it. Witness could not give any motive for the prisoner's attack.

Constable's Story.

A Chinese constable said that, hearing cries from the Bank, he went in and found the body of a man lying on the first floor. On the ground floor he picked up a chopper smeared with blood. He also saw another man standing with his hands to his face. On the second floor he saw the cook, Lan Yik-tin, and pointed his revolver at him, but he cried out to him to desist, and pointed out the prisoner lying on the floor near the bed. Prisoner seemed to be very feeble and was covered with blood. He (witness) also saw the bodies of two boys in the cubicle, covered with blood.

Further hearing of the case was fixed for Wednesday afternoon.

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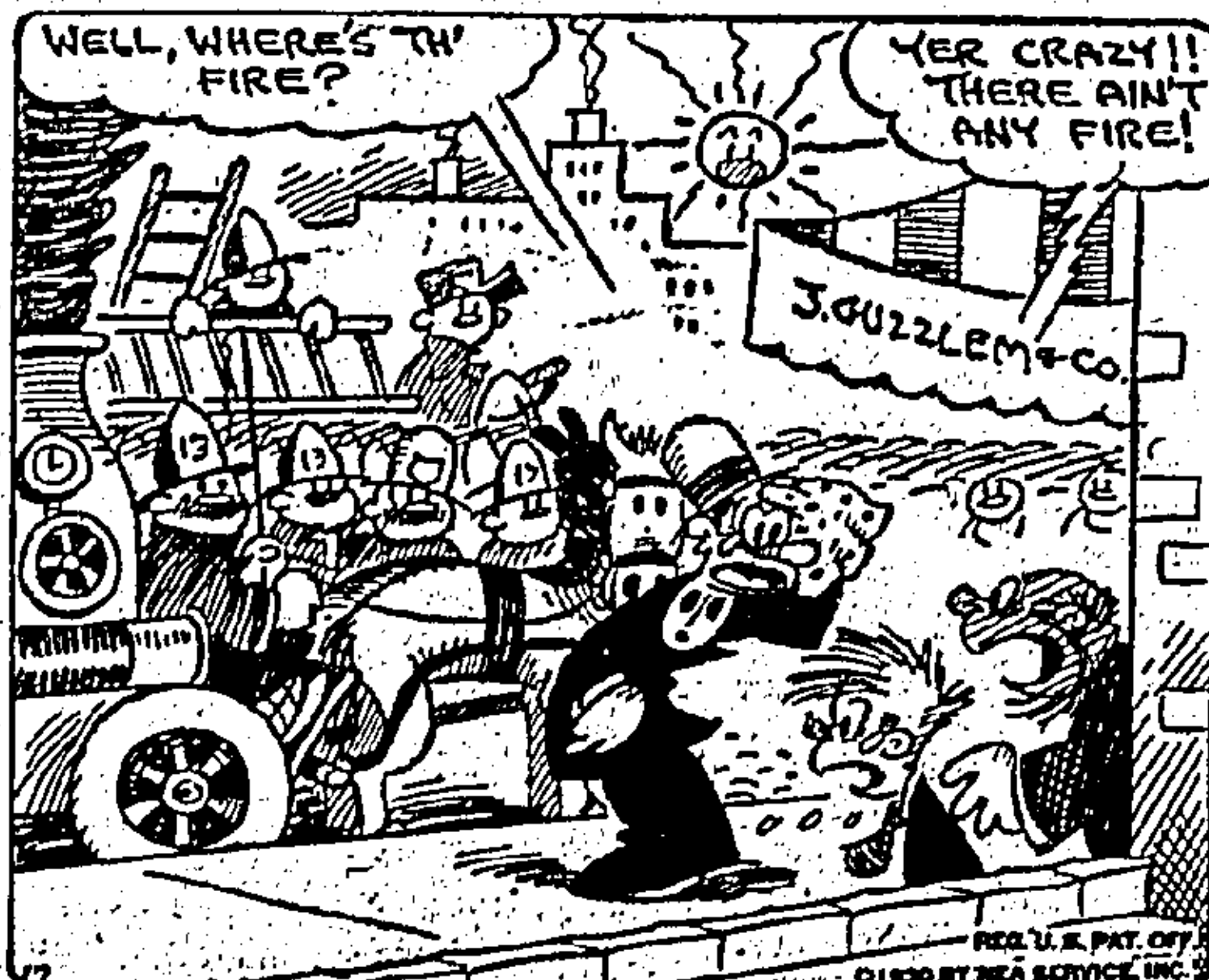


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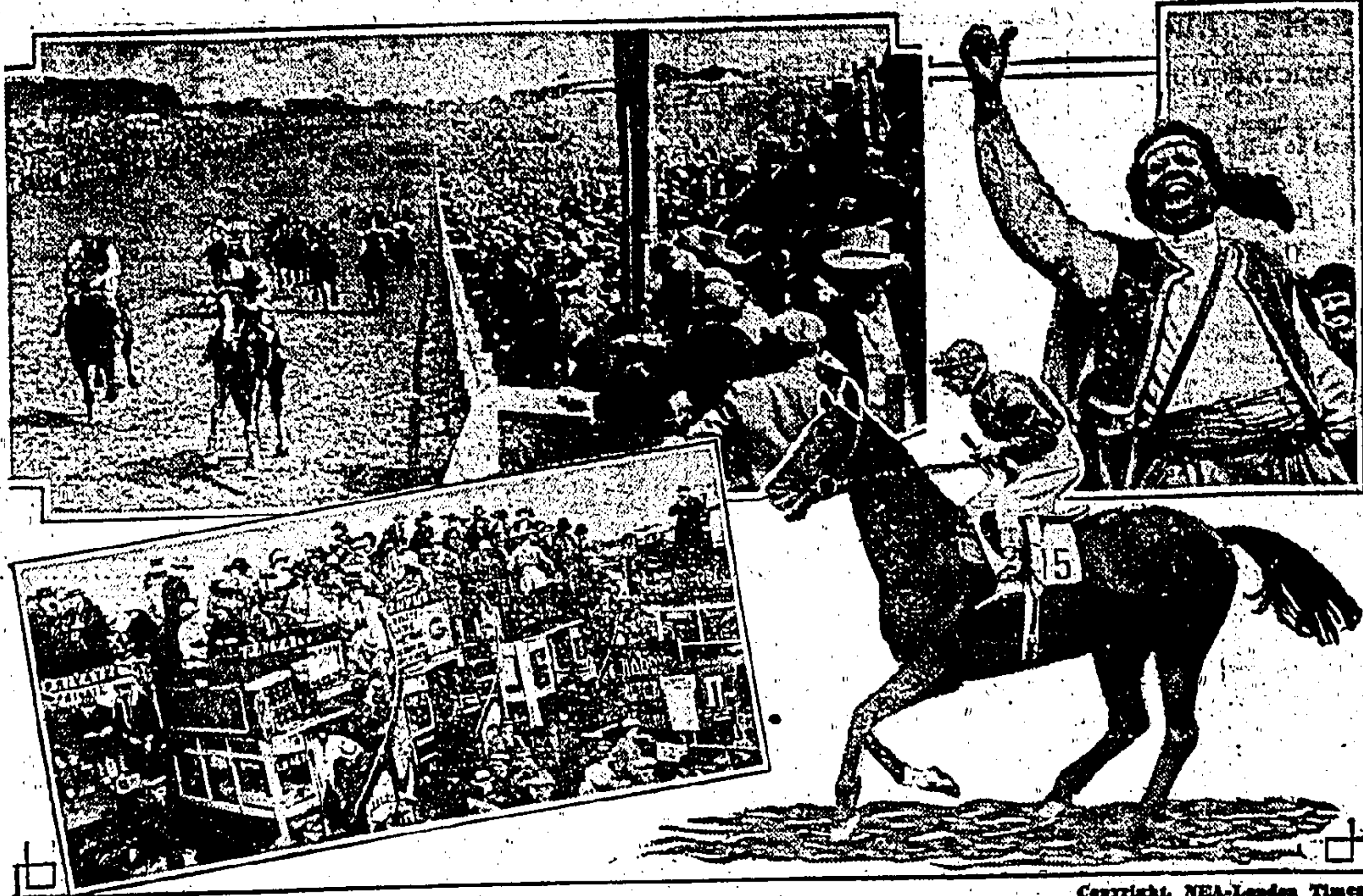


Burning Up!



By Small





Britisher as the Magna Charta. An idea of the throng that witnesses the English "Derby" may be gained from the picture of the stretch at Epsom Downs, shown in the upper left. To the right is one of the many tipsters who are found on the course. The great buses below are the popular mode of transportation. The horse is Sir Hugo Hirst's Diolite, the favourite who was beaten.



A new picture of Miss Amy Johnson, English girl flyer taken during a stop while on her wonderful flight to Australia.



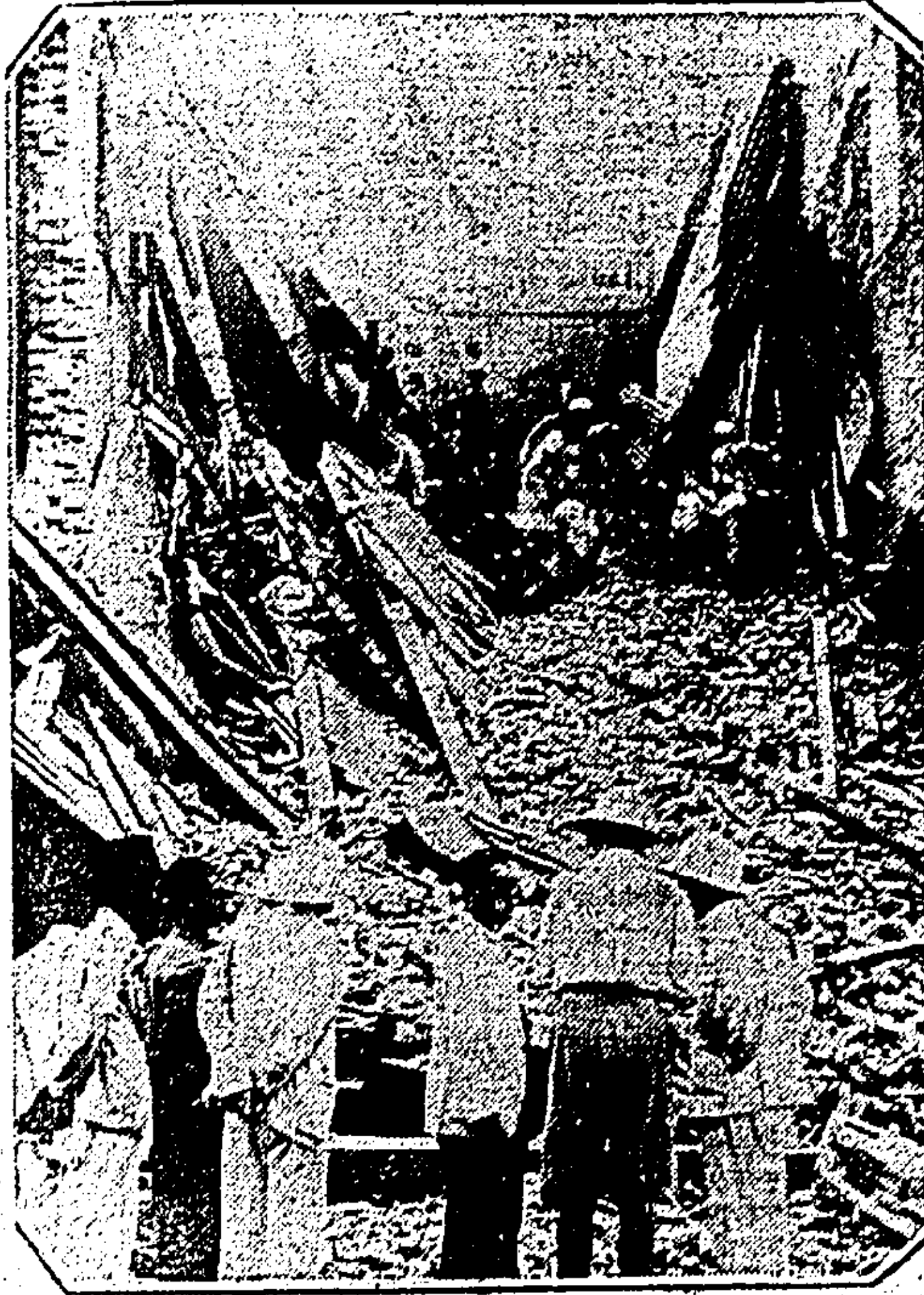
When Bobby Jones did a 33 on the Sandwich links the Prince of Wales himself was in the gallery. Here is the Prince as he watched the match. At the left is T. A. Bourn, famous amateur.



Here are pictures in connexion with the crash of an Air Ferries plane at Oakland, Cal., which occurred when the ship struck a sand barge and dove into San Francisco bay injuring six passengers and two pilots. George McCallum and Fred Hammer, co-pilots, upper left; right, air ferry plane leaving terminal on Oakland estuary; below, crew working to raise McCallum's plane.



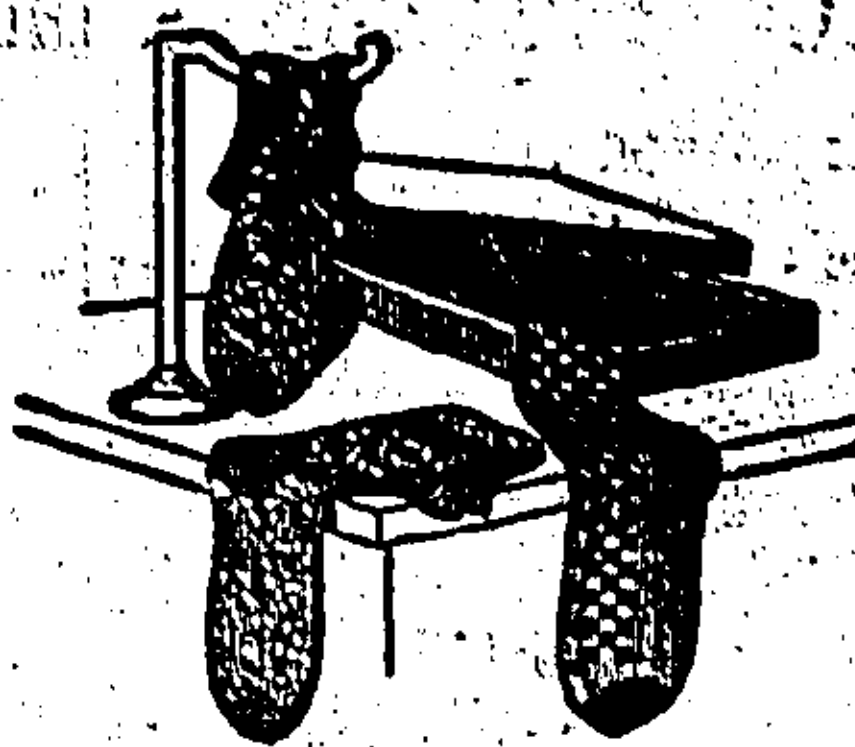
Riotous scenes in revolt-torn India are portrayed in these unusual pictures. At the top you see turbaned natives—leaders of a sanguine attack upon the police at Peshawar—after they had been arrested and manacled and chained to their guards. Shown lower right is the burning of an armoured car. Lower left is a life-size image of Mahatma Ghandi, which his followers paraded through the streets of Bombay after the arrest of the leader.



Scenes of desolation and ruin like that shown above followed disastrous earthquakes in Burma. This picture, taken immediately after the violent shocks, shows how an entire street was blocked by the collapse of a building in Rangoon, where scores were killed and injured.

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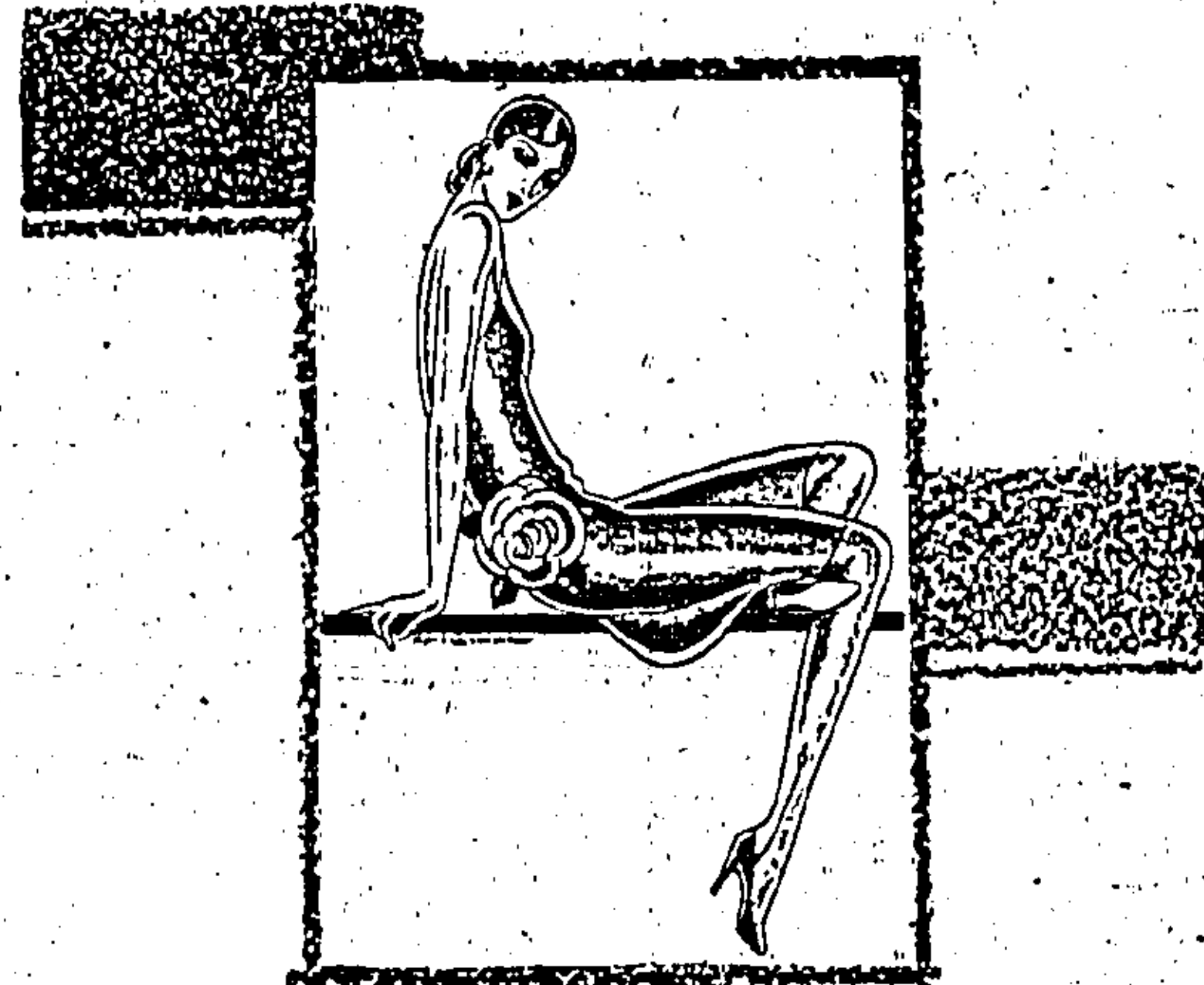


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The TRANSFER BOOK of the Company will be CLOSED from the 5th to the 19th July, 1930, both days inclusive.

By Order of the

Board of Directors,

HENRY LOWCOCK,

Hongkong, 4th July, 1930.

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1 That the Capital of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Company Limited be increased from \$3,000,000 to \$4,500,000 by the creation of 300,000 Shares of \$5.00 each and that the 300,000 Shares of \$5.00 each shall each rank for dividend and in all other respects pari passu with the existing Shares of the Company.

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FEDERATION OF EUROPE.

SOVIET AND TURKEY TO BE INVITED?

Rome, July 7.

The Italian reply to the Briand plan for a federated Europe has been handed to the French Ambassador at Rome.

It suggests that the Soviet and Turkish Governments be also invited to the proposed conference. The Italian reply says Italy is ready to collaborate, but first of all it is necessary to solve the question of a general reduction of armaments.—*Reuter.*

THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS' VALUE.

CHINA TO INTRODUCE AN ALTERATION.

Nanking, July 7.

The Foreign Minister declared this morning that the former practice of the senior foreign diplomat speaking on behalf of the entire Diplomatic Corps will not be countenanced by China in future. He stated that the Diplomatic Corps possessed an admitted value at social functions, not otherwise, *Reuter.*

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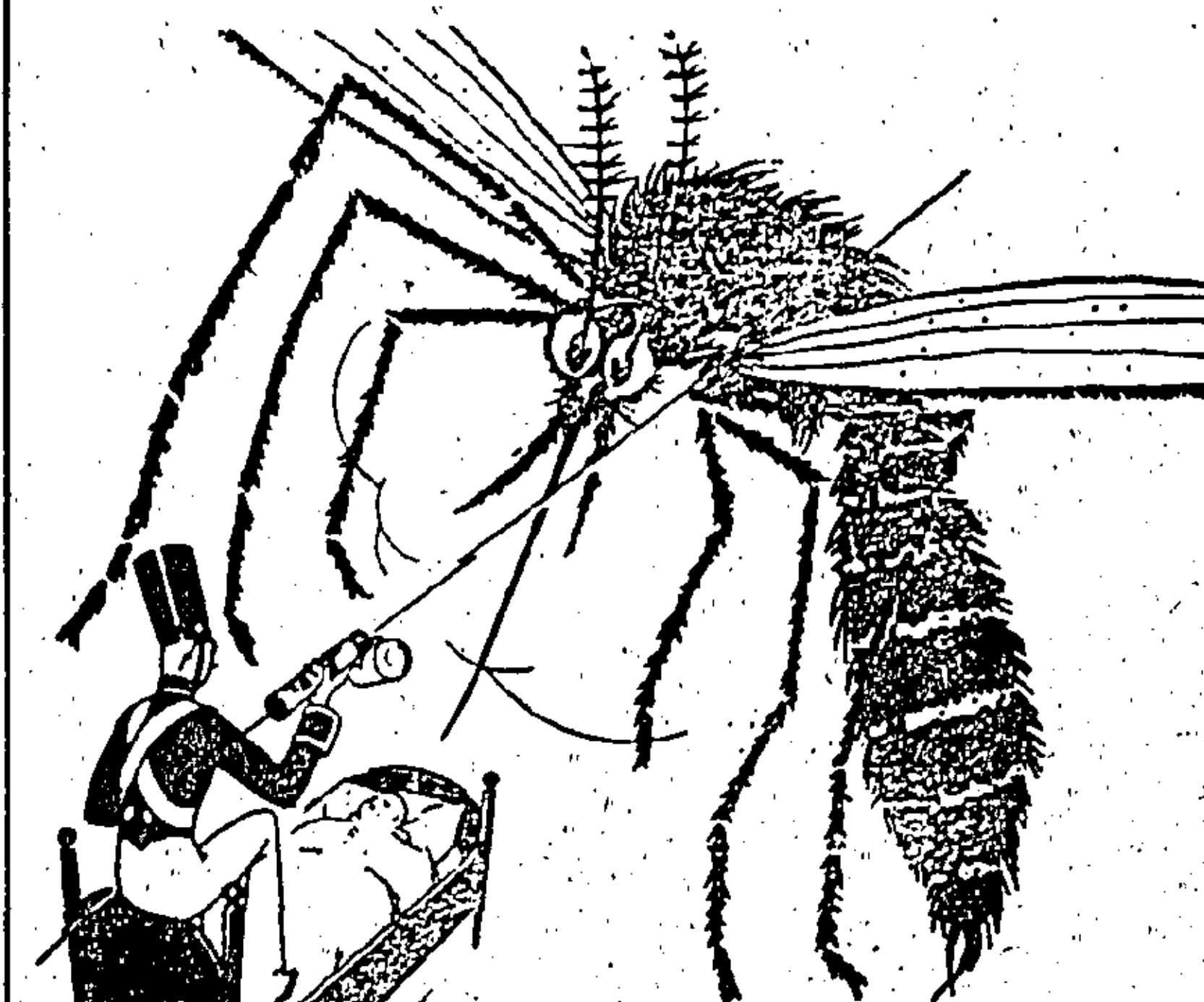
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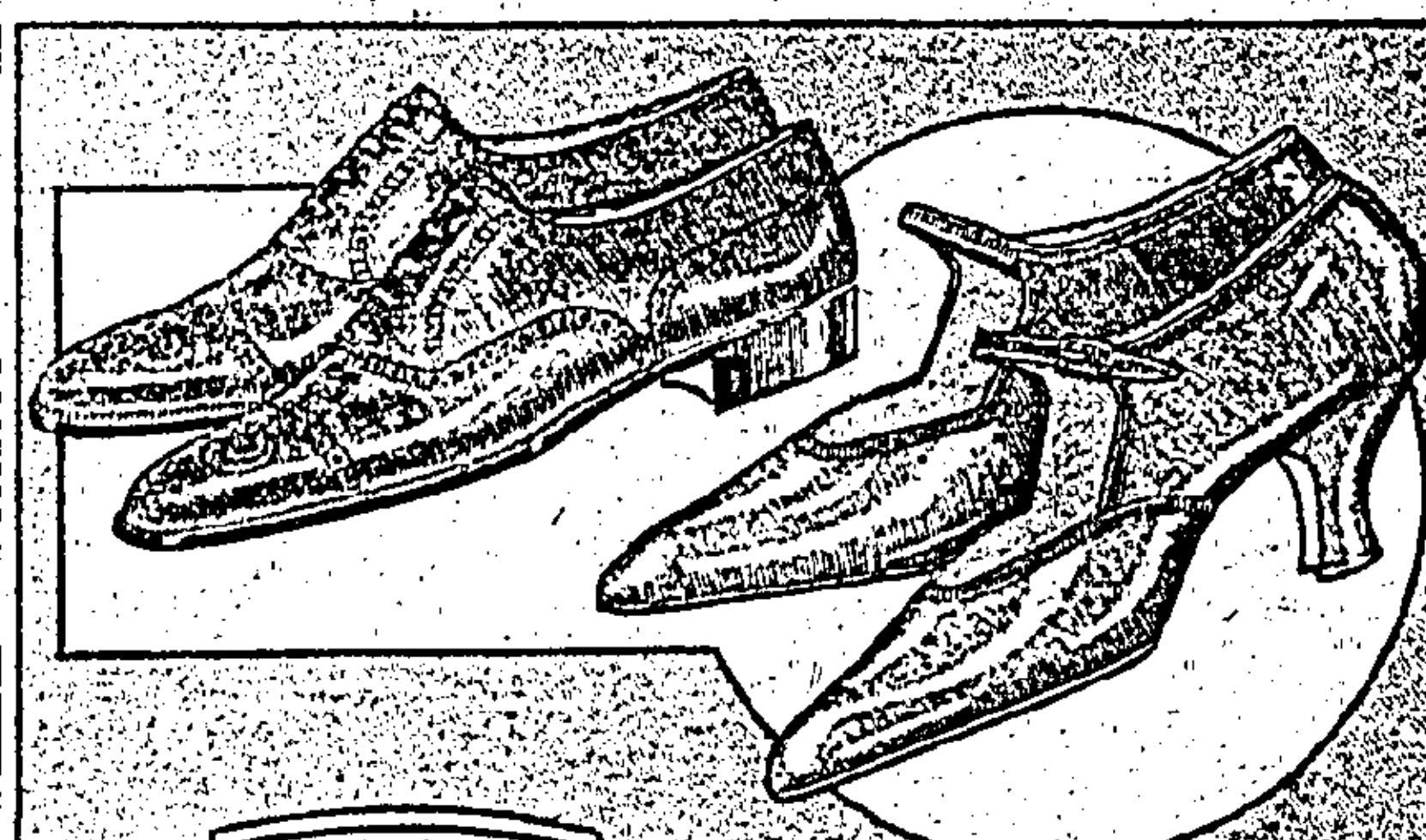
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Holhow	Kwangtung	Thurs., July 10, 10 a.m.
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Manila	Pres. Wilson	Sat., July 12, 8 p.m.
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Swatow, Foochow and Wei Hai Wei	Kueichow	Sun., July 13, 9 a.m.
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Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Hozan Maru	Sun., July 13, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Haiching	Tues., July 15, 1.00 p.m.
Saigon, Amoy and Formosa	Chenonceaux	Tues., July 15, 1.00 p.m.
East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Chenonceaux	Tues., July 15, 1.00 p.m.
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	Letters	1 p.m.
	G.P.O.	
	Registration	1.45 p.m.
	Letters	2.30 p.m.
	(Due Marseilles 16th August.)	
Manila	Emp. of Russia	Tues., July 15, 8.30 p.m.
Manila	Pres. Jackson	Tues., July 15, 8.30 p.m.
Swatow	Hangsang	Wed., July 16, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Kaga Maru	Wed., July 16, 8.30 a.m.
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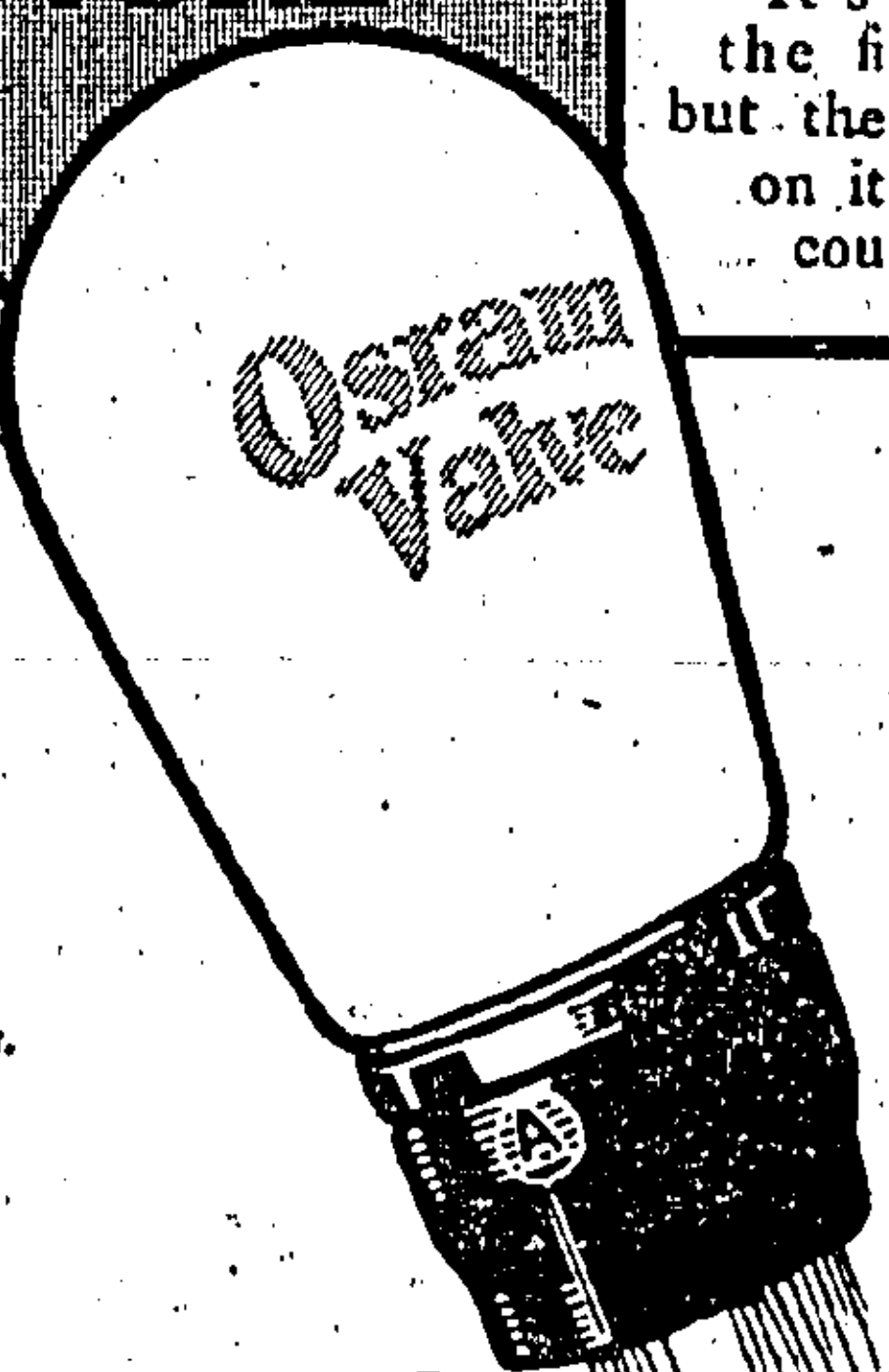
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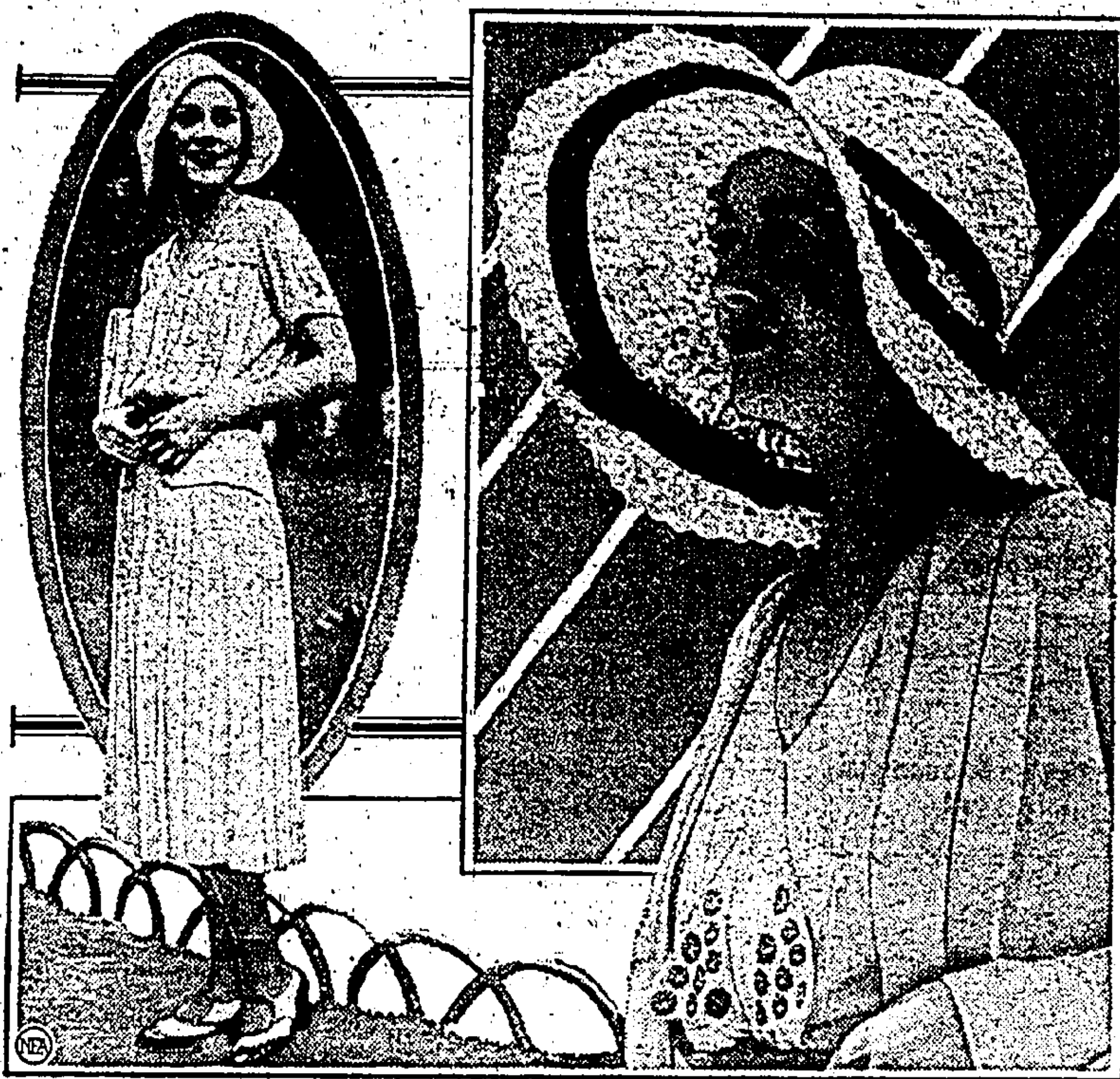
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Your Children.

[By Olive Roberts Barton.]

They say that the eyes are the windows of the soul. I never heard anyone refer to the voice as the theme of character. But I believe that it is so.

When I hear a man or woman who wants something done give the command in a certain tone that means business, I know that behind that voice, quiet and gentle though it may be, is character.

We wonder why it is that in certain homes where obedience is the order of the day and the children move quickly and happily to do what they are told, we never hear a cross word or a loud command. But if we would turn our attention away from the children to the mother and do a little analyzing of her own personality, we'd find, I think, that the secret of it all lies right there. She is sure of herself—she knows she is right—she expects results—she gets them. She puts it into her voice.

Now I have preached from the high places against the mother who tries to force, and does force, her own personality on her children, making them carbon copies of herself, impressing the cameo of her personality on their plastic natures until they are intaglios of the same pattern.

And I say it again. The adroit mother by suggestion and help encourages each child to be himself, and nobody but himself. Self-expression is a much maligned term, by the way—is one of the greatest factors in holding up a worthwhile, individual human being.

Don't Ignore Discipline.

But obedience and discipline have just as important a part in

Tennis Tips.

Belts for up-to-date tennis frocks are made of wooden links. Some are in natural colours, and others are painted in bright hues.

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The tennis bandeau that is ready-made is considerably more convenient than that which has to be draped and fixed on the head of the wearer. A famous sports house has brought out a delightful ready-made bandeau of folded georgette. Moreover, it has the additional advantage of being closed over the top of the head with a hair net. Thus two purposes are served.

the training of character, and it is with that we are dealing here.

I wonder why so many excellent mothers fail to put authority in their voices when giving commands, and thus fail to get obedience. Is it because they doubt themselves? Or do they doubt the outcome? Probably the latter. But I believe that there is still another reason why they resort to gentle mildness and a sort of pleading persuasion in issuing an ultimatum. It goes to the very foundation of the relationship between mother and child.

Mother-love consists of two definite things, love for the child and an intense yearning to be loved by the child. There is the

Hair Waving.

SOME USEFUL HINTS.

Never use hard water for dampening hair that is to be water-waved.

If a setting lotion is not available, use lukewarm water in which a pinch of sugar has been dissolved, a small lump to a quarter pint of water.

Always set the waves in exactly the same position each time the hair is waved.

When necessary to reset permanently waved hair do not damp it. Allow the steam from a bathroom hot water tap to play on it. Then fix with hair-waving combs.

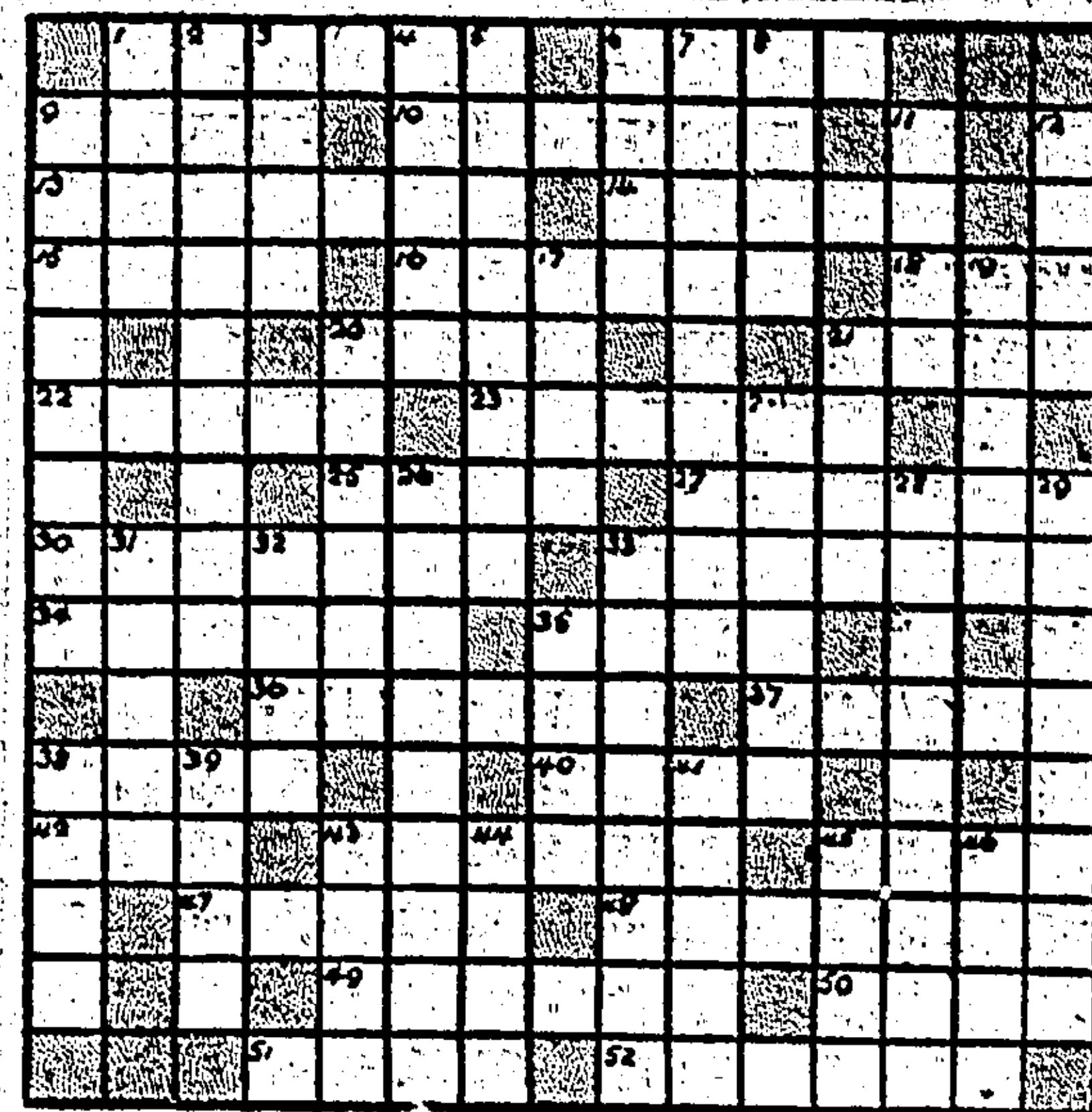
A shingle-cap should always be worn over permanently waved hair while a hot bath is being taken. The heat tends to spoil the waves. The same precaution should be taken with water-waved hair.

The best time to water-wave the hair is the day after a shampoo.

answer. Behind this vacillation lies fear: fear that the child will cease to love her if she refrains for a minute to be gentle and sweet and yielding.

It is fatal. Certainly a mother can show this side to her children many hours a day; but she should learn that a little self-sacrifice in this respect, a little iron in the soft metal of her love, a bit of alloy to stiffen the gold will be far better for them all in the end.

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6 Spruce.
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21 Heavenly body.
22 Having weapons.
23 Wholly.
25 Wild animal.
27 Debauchee.
30 Those who lead.
33 Believer in dualism.
34 Wrest by force.
35 Join together.
36 Grasp.
37 Air.
38 Sea eagle.
40 Part of rigging.
42 Devoured.
43 To drop.
45 Run away from.
47 Pair.
48 Most stale.
49 Law.
50 Snakes.
51 Wine.
52 Sleepy.

Down
8 Porous.
9 Trusty.
11 Give out.
12 Titled person.
17 Newcastle's river.
19 Ravens.
20 Stick.
21 Close.
24 One who corrects copy.
26 Constructor.
28 Blind.
29 Small sturgeons.
31 Put forth.
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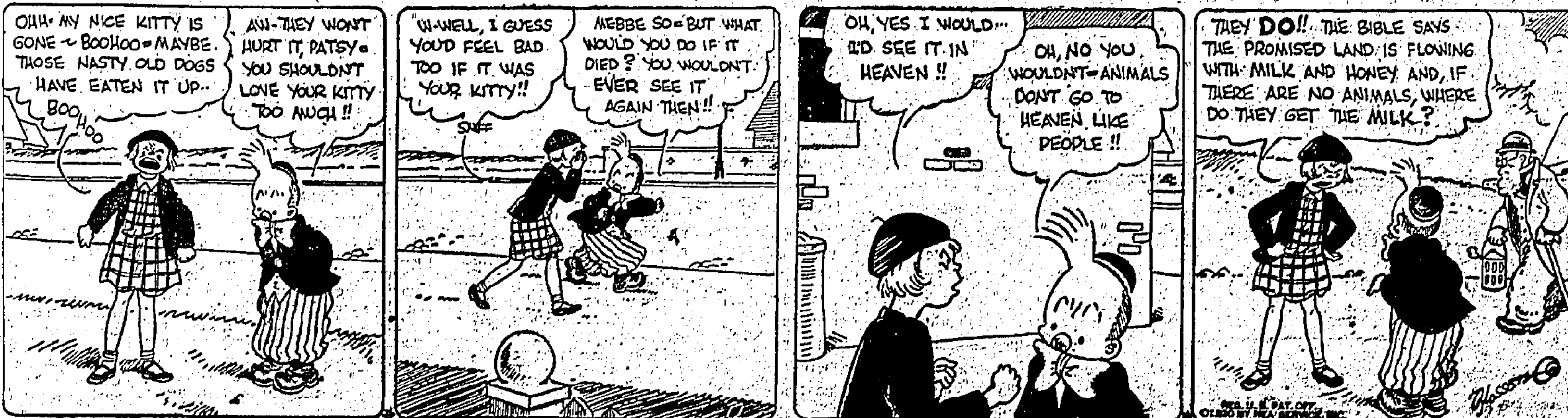
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Scotland Yard does not attach much importance to the discovery of a woman's skull on Wimbledon Common. The authorities are satisfied that the skull has no connection with the leg found on the common six years ago. It may have been there for a century. There were a number of small pieces of bone beside the skull, which was fractured, and it is thought it may have been kicked about, and that the fracture may have been caused in this way.

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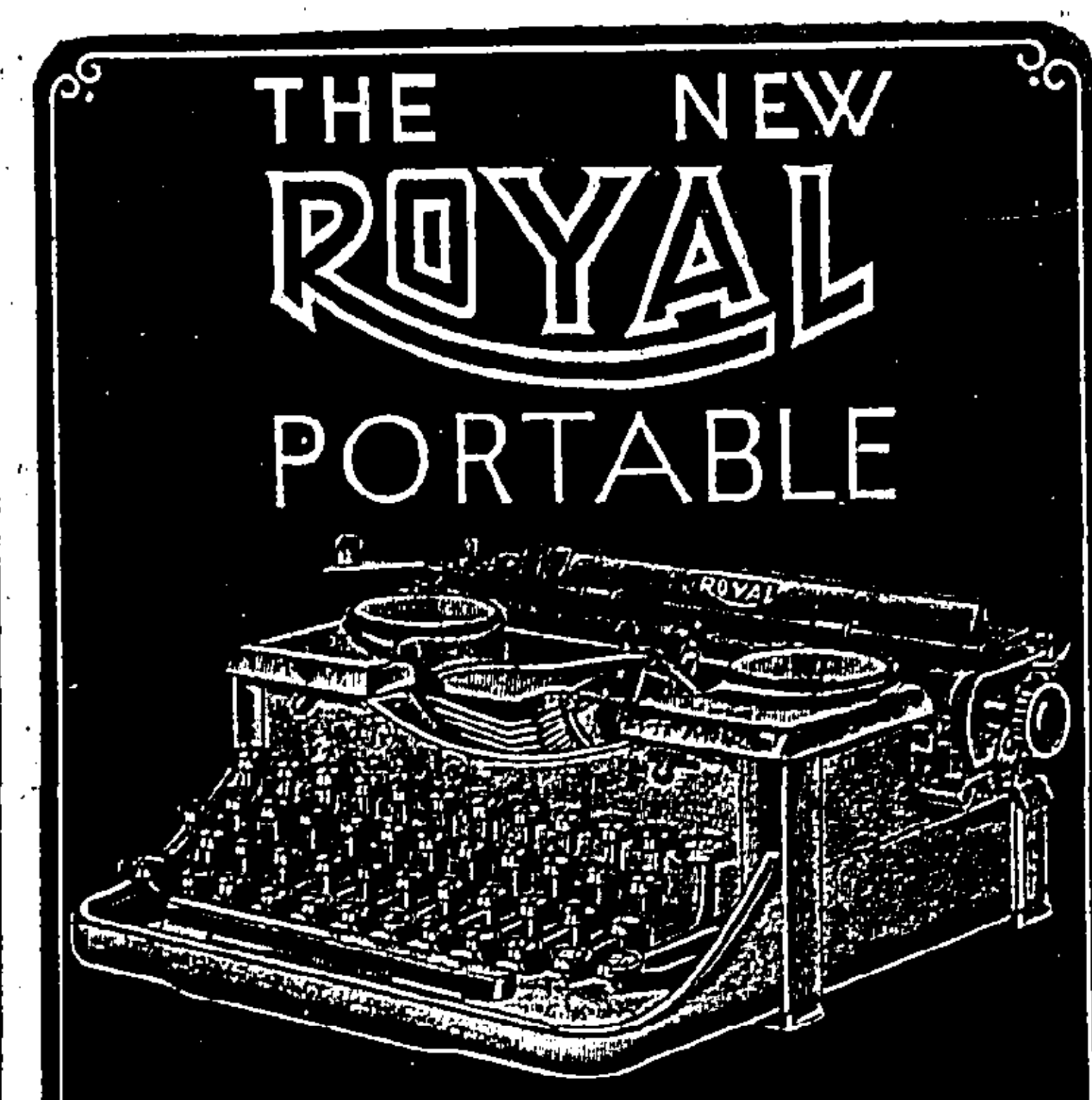
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b - Peter, Go Ring them Bells ... " "
Go Down Moses ... " "
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So I Left (Butcher) ... " "
B-3415 { The Clatter of the Clogs ... Gracie Fields
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Faust ... " "
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CHIANG AND THE CIVIL WAR.

Having become accustomed to take the partisan views of Chinese militarists with the proverbial grain of salt, we can hardly bring ourselves to believe that the civil war situation in the North is quite so rosy for the Nationalists as Marshal Chiang Kai-shek has stated in his interview with foreign journalists. Anyone who has followed the course of events in the latest war with any degree of intelligence must have become impressed by the fact that the present Nanking Administration is fighting for its existence, which is seriously jeopardised. Nothing is therefore to be gained by suggesting, as Marshal Chiang does, that, from the Nationalist standpoint, everything is going according to programme and the shattering of the enemy forces merely a matter of time. The position is not quite so clear-cut as all that.

In some of his statements, Marshal Chiang adopted a bragadocio attitude, as, for example, when he declares his belief that whenever the enemy see the blue and white Nationalist emblem they will refuse to advance. We suggest, however, that if the opposing armies fail to make any further advance it will not be because they are scared of the Nationalists; shortage of funds or new alignments brought about by bribery are more likely to be the cause. However, it is wasting words to talk of eventualities which may never occur, in which connexion Marshal Chiang should be reminded of the folly of predicting future happenings; it will be time enough to talk when the enemy has been beaten. In writing thus, we have no desire to see the Nationalists overthrown, because we know from past experience that nothing will be gained by a triumph for the rebels, whose protestations of wishing to serve the nation can hardly be taken at face value. What is needed in China is the removal of the causes which produce civil war; mere changes of Government will do little or nothing in this direction. In any event, it is far better that constituted authority should remain in power, profiting by experience, than that there should be these recurring upheavals which really lead nowhere.

Looking back over the activities of the present regime, it must be conceded that it has failed to put first things first. Marshal Chiang now talks of planning to proceed with

the unification of China step by step after the war is over, but it would have been much better had action along these lines been taken long ago. A serious attempt to bring about unification would at any rate have prevented the present uprising.

Unhappily, the war is not over yet, and we fear that the position of the Nationalist Government is not so strong as Marshal Chiang indicates. He declares that he has sufficient forces to subjugate the enemy without the assistance of the young Mukden ruler. Time will prove whether that is the case. The significance of his statement lies in the fact that General Chang Hsueh-liang has not yet seen fit to come to the aid of the Government to which he is supposed to owe allegiance. Much may in fact depend upon his eventual decision. Until the situation is much clearer than it is at present, the Nanking regime will find it increasingly difficult to convince the outside world that it really controls China, and foreign nations cannot be blamed if they wait to see how things pan out before concluding agreements on questions of any considerable importance.

The "Tote" Vindicated.

While controversy still rages at Home on the merits and demerits of the totalisator there is no doubt that its introduction to a number of English racecourses has given a fillip to racing of which it stood in real need and that it has resulted in a marked increase in attendance at the various meetings. We are told that "experts" declare the totalisator to be in grave danger of going bankrupt, but no such fear is entertained by the officials of the Control Board, who believe that, when their arrangements are complete, the "tote" will be worked at a profit and will provide an increasing source of revenue. It must not be overlooked that scarcely a year has passed since the first totalisator installations were operated in England. So far, only one course possesses a fully-equipped electrical plant, and it is generally agreed that the installation at Newmarket has fully justified itself. A point is made of the fact that on Derby Day the totalisator receipts totalled only £17,000, but at Epsom the facilities for betting on the "tote" were available for only members of the club stand and people in the paddock—almost an infinitesimal proportion of the huge crowd present. The real test of the totalisator will come when the chief courses of the country are fitted with the proper equipment—until then, it is the merest guess work to declare that it cannot pay its way. The somewhat humorous statement has been made that only the bookmakers can now save the totalisator. The truth is that its future depends entirely on the racing public, who have already had enough experience of the machine to know that it returns odds with mathematical fairness. One of its great advantages so far has been that it has exposed the inadequacy of the prices formerly returned by the bookmakers, especially in the case of horses other than the favourites. The Jockey Club took the first steps leading to the legalisation of the totalisator because they were convinced that its introduction would be for the benefit of racing and of the racing public. Nothing has occurred to alter the official view that it has been a move in the right direction.

WATER LEVELS.

ON WEST, NORTH AND EAST RIVERS.

The following table, issued by the Kwangtung River Conservancy Commission, shows in English feet the water levels on the West River, North River and East River, on the dates named:

	July 6.	July 7.
Shiuhing	7.2	6.8
Tsingyuen	6.9	6.0
Samshui	5.9	6.0
Shelung	1.1	1.8

The highest levels on record are: Shiuhing, 41 feet; Tsingyuen, 29.2 feet; Samshui, 27.8 feet; Shelung 15.5 feet.
The lowest level on record at Samshui is minus 5 feet and at Shelung minus 2.7 feet.

DAY BY DAY.

THE TRUTH IS THAT MODERN WOMAN WANTS ALL THE PRIVILEGES OF A WOMAN PLUS THE ADVANTAGES OF A MAN.—Annesley Kennedy.

The P. and O. s.s. Khiva, from Hongkong, arrived at Marseilles on the 6th July at 6 a.m.

The Swedish East Asiatic Company's motor vessel Agra is due here from Hamburg on the 28th instant.

Amongst the passengers who left for Shanghai by the s.s. President Madison were Capt. S. E. G. Ponder, R.A., and Mr. B. L. Stock, of the Asiatic Petroleum Company.

The Hongkong Horticultural Society advertise that the Schedule for 1931 Flower and Vegetable show is now ready and may be had on application to the Hon. Secretary, 11, Queen's Road Central.

"Child Slavery in Hongkong" by Lt.-Comdr. and Mrs. H. L. Haslewood is the title of a book published by the Sheldon Press in London which is shortly expected to arrive in the Colony.

Sentence of eight months' hard labour was imposed on a Chinese who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, on a charge of returning from a term of five years' banishment dating from November last.

The body of an unknown Chinese woman, about 25 years of age, was found yesterday floating in the harbour off Water Street, by the police. Both her ankles were tied together with a piece of cloth. It is presumed to be a case of suicide.

A Chinese single woman, named Chan Sze-mui, (20), residing at 35 Shantung Street, was removed to the Kowloon Hospital yesterday, suffering from a fractured skull, caused by having been knocked down by motor bus, No. 655. Her condition is serious.

Ng Pui-lam, manager Kwong Shun Hang Company, coal merchants, 254 Reclamation Street, has reported to the police that a salesman on June 27th obtained a sum of \$250 from the Yik On shop in Wing Lok Street, by means of a forged chop, and absconded.

The Chinese Maritime Customs having effected the first payment for the year 1930 on the Boxer Indemnity, coupons No. 11 of the 5% Gold Loan 1926 will be redeemable from the 15th instant through the Agencies of the Banque Franco Chinoise Pour le Commerce et l'Industrie.

Charged with stealing an iron shackle from the Kowloon Dock, a casual worker, who appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning, was sentenced to three weeks' hard labour. The defendant, who had been employed in the Dock for the past four years, was arrested leaving the yard with the shackle.

Mr. Ralph C. Wells, Chairman of the China Council of the Presbyterian Church in America, left on a trip to the North by the s.s. President Madison. Proceeding to the U.S.A. on furlough by the same boat were Dr. Marguerite Everham, of the American Presbyterian Mission in Swatow, and Misses E. G. Miller and A. B. Sanderson, of the American Presbyterian Mission in Foochow.

The Shaukiwan police received a telephone message from the Government Civil Hospital at 8.50 p.m. yesterday, to the effect that a Chinese woman named Ip Yee-mui, (53), living in a hut on the hillside at Shaukiwan West, who was admitted to the hospital on the night of June 5th, died yesterday afternoon. The cause of death was suspected to be mushroom poisoning.

NICOLA SCORES BIG SUCCESS.

SEASON OPENED AT THE STAR THEATRE.

Nicola, the master magician, well-known here by reason of many previous visits, opened his week's season at the Star Theatre, Kowloon, last night, when he was welcomed by a packed house. He put on a wonderful show, which was an instant hit. His present Company is the biggest he has ever brought East, and everything in the show is entirely new. The audience last night was amazed by the mystifying performances given by Nicola and his assistants, and there is every promise of the season being a huge success. We hope to give a fuller account of Nicola's programme in our issue of to-morrow.

SEVEN STOWAWAYS ON LINER.

TO PAY COMPENSATION TO THE C. P. CO.

Seven Chinese were brought before Mr. Whyte Smith at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning charged with stowing away on board the Empress of Canada to Manila.

The defendants denied stowing away and intimated that they had gone on board to see a friend, the ship sailing before they were aware that she had left from the wharf.

According to Mr. T. King, master at arms on the vessel, three of the men attempted to land at Manila, but were prevented by the Immigration Customs, while the other four were found on the ship's return voyage to Hongkong. All the men had apparently been locked in one of the cabins.

The defendants, when questioned remarked that their friend had invited them to Manila. He had told them to wait in the steerage.

Each defendant was ordered to pay the agents of the vessel \$25 compensation and were further fined \$25, the alternatives being three weeks' hard labour in each instance. Any money that was paid would go to the shipping company.

WOMAN'S SUICIDE IN HOSPITAL.

ENQUIRY HELD TO-DAY AT THE MAGISTRACY.

The death of a Chinese woman, named Ng Sze-mui (58), the wife of a fitter, who was found dead in a lavatory at the Tung Wah Hospital where she was a consumptive case, on June 23, was investigated by the Coroner (Mr. Grant) at the Central Police Court this morning.

The evidence of witnesses from the Hospital was to the effect that the woman was found hanging by the neck, death having occurred before discovery of her condition.

Medical testimony was to the effect that the woman suffered from tuberculosis and a weakened heart. Death was due to hanging. The deceased's husband said she had been in a weak condition for the last five or six years, and while she had appeared depressed, had never said anything which might lead him to suspect that she had designs on her life.

"Death by Suicide" was the verdict returned by the jury.

EXCHANGE RATES.

	London, July 7.
Paris	123.73
Brussels	31.82
Amsterdam	12.09 1/2
Berlin	20.405
Copenhagen	18.16
Vienna	34.43
Helsinki	13.94
Lisbon	108.25
Bucharest	818
Buenos Aires	40%
Shanghai	1/5%
Yokohama	2/0.13/32
New York	4.86 17/32
Geneva	25.06
Milan	92.87
Stockholm	18.40
Oslo	18.16
Frankfurt	164
Madrid	41.15
Athens	375
Rio	5.7/18
Bombay	1/5%
Hongkong	1/3
Silver (spot)	15%
Silver (forward)	15%

—British Wireless.

CHILDREN FALL OFF VERANDAH.

BOY KILLED INSTANTLY: A GIRL INJURED.

Two children, a Chinese boy of six and a Chinese girl of five, fell from the second floor verandah of 462 Queen's Road West into the yard at the back. The boy, Au Sung, was killed instantaneously. The girl Lan Tai-fai, received internal injuries for which she is now being treated in the Government Civil Hospital.

The body of the boy has been removed to the Mortuary.

A hurricane of terrific force swept over a part of the Tokay district in Hungary being preceded by an enormous black, spindle-shaped cloud which came down until it nearly swept the ground. Houses collapsed, many trees were uprooted, and telephone and telegraph cables were torn down. One village of 50 houses was entirely demolished. Whole roofs were carried in the air for over a mile. A hailstorm followed, causing great damage to vine-

The Very Idea!

The justice of the peace in a town in Ohio, in pursuance of his duties, had to hear and judge cases that were brought before him, and also perform occasional marriage ceremonies. He found it difficult to dissociate the various functions of his office.

Everything had gone smoothly until he had asked one bride, "Do you take this man to be your husband?"

The bride nodded emphatically. "And you," said the justice, turning to the bridegroom, "what have you to say in your own defence?"

"Do things usually turn out as you expect them to?"

"Yes, with the exception of the car ahead of me."

(The common aim seems to be to look like everybody else rather than looking conspicuously like ourselves, says Mr. John Burton.)

Personality's extinction gives no hope of self-distinction. In these days of mass production and conventional attire.

Since we look like one another, jockey looks like poet's brother.

And the navy might be taken for an influential squire. Then, the literary giant, unconcerned and self-reliant. In the manner of a neat commercial traveller is dressed.

Who, in turn, resembles greatly an M.P. urbane and stately. Who to look like something else has always done his level best.

Barber (having sold a bottle of hair oil to customer): "Excuse me, sir, do you happen to play billiards?"

Customer: "Yes, why?"

Barber: "Then I must warn you, sir, after using this lotion to be sure and wash your hands before so much as touching a billiard ball."

They were visiting friends one evening. Presently their 3-year-old son became restless. The hostess, noticing this, gave him a soft rubber ball to play with.

During the course of his play the ball rolled under the davenport, and the little fellow crawled in after it. Presently the hostess asked him if he saw the ball. He replied: "No! I don't see anything but dirt."

The Amateur Golf Championship was well into its final stages. A breathless crowd was watching Bobby Jones addressing his ball for a three-yard putt.

Suddenly in one section of the crowd, the tense stillness was broken by a female voice. It said: "I hope to goodness I turned off the gas cooker this morning!"

WHO WAS—?

JUDE THE OBSCURE.

Of all the novels which tell of defeat and frustration, "Jude the Obscure," by Thomas Hardy, is surely the saddest.

Jude, though poor, was a boy of more than ordinary intelligence, and from early youth he cherished the ambition to enter the University of Christminster. He studied hard, but had the bad luck to get entangled with a coarse girl, who tricked him into marriage. Before very long, his wife deserted him, and Jude resumed his studies.

But his plans were again wrecked when he fell in love with his young married cousin Sue. Although her husband divorced her, Sue would not marry Jude, having the foolish notion that free love was better, for her at any rate, than marriage. Their life was not easy. Jude could not obtain a post on account of the irregularity of their union. His eldest son murdered his two younger children.

Sue, heart-broken, looked on this as a punishment for leaving her husband, and as a command to return to him. She did so, leaving Jude desolate and forlorn. In his despair, and loneliness, he drifted into re-marriage with his worthless first wife, but his heart was with his beloved Sue. He died, neglected and alone, of a chill caught while attempting to see her.

GIRL REFUSES TO GO IN HOME.**INTRICATE PROBLEM IN A KOWLOON CASE.****WANTS GRANDMOTHER**

The appearance to-day of a representative of the Salvation Army with an undertaking to provide for the maintenance of a small girl, who pleaded guilty before Mr. Whyte Smith yesterday to stealing a quantity of jewellery, provided but a partial solution to the difficulty confronting the Magistrate who expressed doubt as to how he should deal with such a youthful offender who had a previous conviction for a similar offence.

Sub-Inspector C. Evans intimated, when the case was again mentioned this morning, that the Salvation Army were prepared to take the girl into their Home, provided the grandmother of the child gave her consent.

His Worship told the grandmother that the girl would be given a chance of being sent to school by the Salvation Army and asked if she agreed that the child be given into their charge.

The woman consented. His Worship remarked that it was very fortunate for the small girl to have such an opportunity after she had committed two larcenies.

The girl's grandmother, after further consideration, remarked that she would rather that the child be sent back to the country.

His Worship replied that as the girl had been previously cautioned she could not be let off again and unless she went to the Salvation Army home she would have to serve a term of imprisonment first.

The woman intimated that the girl should serve her term of imprisonment and then be taken back to the country.

His Worship:—Well, you must be an extraordinary woman.

Miss Raines, of the Salvation Army, intimated that she would rather see the girl taken into the Home as, if she were sent to prison, she would get to know more about crime than she did already. She hoped that the Home would, by love and help, train her to be a better girl.

In reply to his Worship, Miss Raines remarked that a girl, who had been sent to the home after a conviction at the Court some time ago, was getting on very well and was giving the staff no trouble whatever.

His Worship reverting to the present case remarked that he blamed the girl's grandparents for her behaviour and intimated that he had already sentenced the grandfather to two months' imprisonment.

Miss Raines pleaded with the grandmother to allow the girl to be taken to the Home and pointed out the advantages the child would derive in receiving proper training and education.

His Worship intimated to the grandmother that it would be absolutely wicked of her to send the girl to prison when she could be sent where she would be treated kindly and be trained.

After the situation was further explained the woman consented, but when the position was put to the girl herself she pointedly refused and indicated that she wanted to return to her grandmother.

Miss Raines spoke to the girl but was unable to make her understand and his Worship adjourned the case again for the parties to communicate with the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs with whom the matter could be discussed more thoroughly and more informally.

ASSAULT CHARGE.**A WATER POLICEMAN IN TROUBLE.**

A seaman attached to the Water Police appeared before Mr. Whyte Smith, together with an unemployed Chinese, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning on a charge of assaulting another man in Parkes Street.

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jr., appeared for the two defendants.

Detective Inspector C. P. Fallon, who prosecuted, applied for a short remand as it was possible that further charges would be brought against the unemployed defendant. The police, on that account, opposed bail in his case, but were prepared to accept \$25 bail from the Water Policeman.

In reply to his Worship, the officer remarked that the defendants were alleged to have struck the complainant with hammers. After going to the Station the complainant was sent to the Kowloon Hospital where he collapsed, but his condition was not as serious as was at first thought.

The defendants were remanded for forty-eight hours.

BOY FINDS FATHER DEAD.**THE TRAGEDY OF AN EX-OFFICER.**

A story of tragedy and domestic unhappiness was told at an inquest at Ashcott, near Bridgwater, on James Duncan Irvine, aged 59, a retired captain, formerly of the Canadian Army, who shot himself in a bungalow in which he had resided at Ashcott.

Irvine should have appeared before the magistrates to give evidence against a brother-in-law, Frank Williams, of the Mumbles, Swansea, who had been charged with inflicting bodily harm upon him.

Mrs. Florence Mary Irvine, the widow, said at the inquest that her husband had recently been drinking heavily, and that he turned her out of doors for two days and two nights.

Evidence was given by Ivan Balfour Irvine, the nine-year-old son of Captain Irvine, to the effect that he and his brother were going to bed about midnight when their father told them they would never see him again.

"The next morning," said the boy, "I tried to open the dining-room door, and found it locked. In the evening I gave the door a big push and it opened."

"I saw daddy lying on the floor with a gun by his side. I thought to myself, 'He is dead,' and I went and told someone that daddy had shot himself."

Police evidence showed that a single-barrel shot gun which contained an empty cartridge was found on the dead man's chest. The gun had been fixed in the back of a dining room chair.

Dr. Eglinton said the muzzle of the gun must have been only two or three inches away from Irvine's head.

Irvine, the witness added, had shown signs of mental instability, and he considered his action was caused by a brain storm, or during a fit of temporary insanity.

A verdict was returned of suicide while of unsound mind.

KILLED BY GAS FROM GRASS.**THREE DEAD IN A FARM TANK.**

Death overtook three men who entered a haymaking silo at Manor House Farm, Stretton-under-Fosse, near Rugby.

They were gassed by carbon dioxide fumes, set up by the fermentation of cut grass in the silo, a large tank standing about 50 to 60 feet high on girders.

The victims were: W. P. Crofts, farmer, George Jackson and Ernest Brain, farm hands.

Brain lost his life in trying to save Jackson; Crofts went to the rescue of Brain and Jackson, and paid for his gallantry.

Jackson entered the silo to trample the green crops. As nothing was heard from him, Brain went to investigate, and was heard crying for help by another farm hand, George Smith. Smith found both men unconscious inside the tank and, with the fumes beginning to act upon him, he crawled outside to summon Mr. Crofts.

Telling Smith to go for a rope, Mr. Crofts dashed into the silo, only to fall almost at once beside the men he meant to rescue.

First Time in History. Smith returned and got a second dose of the fumes.

Dr. Allott, who helped to recover the bodies, stated in an interview that when he went up the silo ladder he was immediately overcome by the fumes. It was not possible for life to have existed in the tower for more than 30 seconds. Death was due to carbon dioxide poisoning of a remarkably acute character.

"This is the first time in the history of agriculture that anything of this sort has happened," he said.

"The experience of farmers with long experience of silo tanks is that gases have never been generated in sufficient quantities to cause discomfort to the men working in them."

LATEST AMERICAN BASEBALL.**PHILLIES AND NEW YORK IN CLOSE TUGGLE.**

New York, July 7. Baseball League matches played to-day resulted as follows:

National.		
St. Louis	5	Pittsburg 9
Philadelphia	12	New York 13
Cincinnati	4	Chicago 2
Brooklyn	2	Boston 1

American.		
Boston	1	Washington 8
Cleveland	1	St. Louis 6
Chicago	2	Detroit 3
Chicago	9	Detroit 5

—Reuter's American Service.

RUTHLESS WAR IN CHICAGO.**GANG LEADERS BELIEVED TO BE DEAD.****CREMATION THEORY.**

The latest victim of the ruthless war between Chicago's gang leaders is Frank R. Thompson, who used to sell machine guns to the gangsters.

Thompson drove up in a motor-car to a petrol station at New Milford, Illinois, with blood streaming from a wound near the heart. His injury is so severe that it is likely to have fatal consequences.

He, however, refused to give any information as to how he had been injured. He asked the attendants to fetch a doctor, and when Sheriff Harry Baldwin attempted to question him, his reply was:

"I Will Not Talk."

"Listen, Harry, I have seen everything, done everything and got everything, and you are smart."

OBITUARY.

The late Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, whose death occurred yesterday.

enough to know I will not talk, even if I am dying."

Another gang leader, "Red" MacLaughlin, has been murdered, and six other gang leaders are missing.

The police believe that the missing men have all been murdered and their bodies reduced to ashes in what is believed to be a private crematorium organised by Chicago's gangmen for the disposal of victims.

The body of "Red" MacLaughlin was found, after he had been "missing" since May 20, with bullet wounds in the head and tightly bound with wire weighted down by several pieces of railway sleepers and rails, at the bottom of a drainage canal.

The missing men are: George "Bugs" Moran, North Side gang leader, and bitter enemy of Scarface Al Capone; Leo Mongovan, private bodyguard of Moran; Benoit Bennett, who came from New York to join Moran; Robert "Dutch" Schmidt, an intimate of "Red" MacLaughlin; Ted Newberry, a Chicago night club impresario, and Lieutenant of Moran; and Willie Higgins, a gangster from St. Paul.

RUBBER PRODUCTION RESTRICTION.**NEW PROPOSALS DISCUSSED IN LONDON.**

Amsterdam, July 7. The Handelsblad learns that a meeting of rubber planters in London to-day discussed the proposal to restrict production by twenty-five per cent, and the basic price of ninepence per pound.

The journal adds that if this is adopted the Dutch Committee will be prepared to submit the proposal to Dutch producers.—Reuter.

Singapore, July 7.

The Malacca Planters' Association has decided to ask the Planters' Association of Malaya to request the Government to alter the legislation governing wage rates of Indian labourers, in order to enable a reduction in rates of pay to be made during the present depression.

The Malacca planters also passed a resolution favouring the introduction of a modified form of the Stevenson scheme or other compulsory restriction of production, conditional on legislation simultaneously to enforce a similar scheme in the Dutch East Indies and Ceylon.

At a meeting of Asiatic planters it was stated that several thousand small holders in Malacca unanimously favoured Government legislation, with Dutch and Ceylon co-operation.—Reuter.

MUNICIPAL CHANGE IN CANTON.**A REVERSION TO FORMER STATUS.**

Canton, July 7. The Canton Municipality, which for some time past had been working as a special Municipality directly controlling its own affairs under the personal supervision of the Mayor, Mr. Lam Wen-kol, has been ordered to return to its former status under the Kwangtung Provincial Government as from the 15th instant.

It is reported that the Shanghai Municipality has also returned to its former status under the Provincial Government of Kiangsu.

As a matter of fact the Special Municipalities had been working rather well and a great many improvements had been effected here in certain departments directly under the Municipality, such as the Fire Brigade and Police Department. Nevertheless General Chan Ming-shu, Civil Governor of Kwangtung, had been working for some time to get the Municipality back under his supervision and it is reported that there has been some ill feeling between him and other officials on this matter.—Our Own Correspondent.

CROWN LAND SALE.**TWO LOTS DISPOSED OF AT UPSET PRICES.**

Two lots of Crown land were sold at upset prices yesterday afternoon when they were put up for public auction at the office of the P.W.D. Inland Lots No. 2,918 and 2,919, situated at North Point, were sold in one lot, fetching \$63,350. The former has an area of 102,700 square feet and the latter 24,000 square feet. Messrs. Bang How and Chon Shung-wang were the purchasers.

Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,356, adjoining Kowloon Inland Lot No. 2,175, Kowloon Tong, was sold to Mr. W. F. Fincher for \$9,250. The property has an area of approximately 18,500 square feet.

MR. H. D. ROOME KILLED.**TREASURY COUNSEL IN MOTOR CRASH.****HIS WIFE INJURED.**

Mr. Henry Delacombe Roome, the Treasury Counsel, died in hospital at Retford, Notts, after a car crash during a Whitson holiday tour.

His wife, who was seriously injured, Mr. Roome was driving his own car. Apparently as a result of a burst tyre he and Mrs. Roome were thrown into the roadway. The car was found overturned some distance away.

A passing motorist found Mr. and Mrs. Roome unconscious by the roadside, and at once informed the police. An ambulance was sent from Retford Hospital, about six miles away.

A specialist was brought from Leeds, and an operation was successfully performed on Mr. Roome. However, he grew weaker, and died.

Mr. Roome, who was 48 years of age, was educated at Winchester and Merton College, Oxford, where he distinguished himself in history. He was called to the Bar at the Middle Temple in 1907, and seven years later became Crown Counsel at Middlesex Sessions. He was appointed Junior Counsel to the Crown at the Central Criminal Court in 1920, being promoted to the senior list some two years ago.

He appeared for the prosecution in the trial of Vacquier, and he was also prominent in the Police-constable Gutteridge murder trial two years ago, and in the trial of Hatry.

Mr. Roome was said to be the tallest man at the Bar. He was the author of "James Edward, the Old Pretender," and also of a book on Criminal Offences in Bankruptcy. He married in 1909 the only daughter of Commander E. W. Lloyd C.E.

CINEMA NOTES.**YOUTH TO FORE IN FOX SUPER SHOW.**

Youth is the predominating note in "Happy Days," Fox Movietone all talking, all singing, all dancing and all joking romance, in a mistle show background. Especially is this true in a sequence that presents 20 or more babies in a huge baby buggy and Walter Catlett and Lucien Littlefield singing a parody on Janet Gaynor's and Charles Farrell's quaint number, "We'll Build a Little World of Our Own."

"Happy Days" is now playing at the Queen's Theatre where it has been drawing unprecedented crowds. It is a most lavishly staged and gorgeously costumed production that introduces personalities of Will Rogers, Janet Gaynor, Charles Farrell, Victor McLaglen, Edmund Lowe, Walter Catlett, Williams Collier, Sr., George Jessel, El Brendel, Marjorie White, James J. Corbett, J. Harold Murray, Ann Pennington, George MacFarlane, Tom Patricella, "Whispering" Jack Smith, Warner Baxter, Nick Stuart, David Rollins, Charles E. Evans, Richard Keene and other stars in addition to George Olsen's band.

"The Cocoanuts" As on the stage so on the screen, the Four Marx Brothers in "The Cocoanuts" continue to draw crowded houses to the Central Theatre, and those who have not witnessed the picture are advised to see it on either to-day or tomorrow, these being the last two days on which this picture will be shown.

With a musical comedy plot, a Florida background and 48 dancing girls, the new show at the Central Theatre provides fine entertainment.

The fun burden is carried as usual by Groucho Marx with Harpo and Chico adding more fun and delightful music.

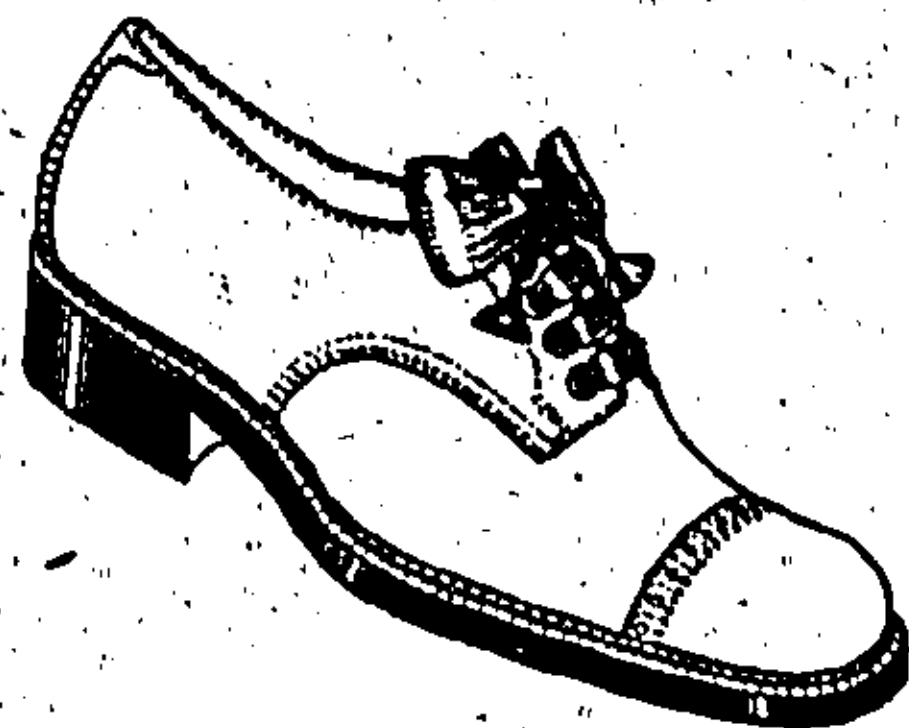
Mary Eaton, who can sing, dance and be beautiful, and Oscar Shaw, as a young handsome, are sub-starred in a plentiful cast, which includes Katherine Francis who again is good in a vamp role. Morris Ryskind adapted "The Cocoanuts" for the sound screen and did a first-class job of it.

"The Lady Lies" Miss Claudette Colbert, who passed through the Colony last week on a trip around the world, will be seen in her latest picture "The Lady Lies" at the Central Theatre on Thursday. Claudette Colbert, slender, brown-eyed beauty of steller fame in a number of Broadway productions, and Walter Huston, one of the outstanding stars of the legitimate stage in the past five years of Broadway theatrical history, are re-united in leading roles in this Paramount all-talking film success. In this production Huston is the handsome widower and Miss Colbert is the woman unwittingly responsible for his social downfall. Two gifted child actors appear in important roles; they are Patricia Deering and Tom Brown.

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BAD SHOOTING.

COSTS KOWLOON SENIORS WATER-POLO GAME.

Poor goal shooting cost Kowloon their match against the Navy in the first division water-polo league at the V. R. C. last night. Beginning the second half with the scores two-one against them, the Kowloon men rarely let the ball pass the half-way line, and time and time again bombarded the goal all to no effect. Their team work on the whole was good and they generally had the better of the play, but their weak throwing nullified all this.

It is probable that the exclusion of Kowloon from the seven had a greater psychological effect on the team than they had bargained for. One of their strongest players, he failed to put in an appearance and Paget, the fast second division man, went into the team as centre half. Kowloon went all to pieces without Kowloon, and his absence told against the whole team for practically all the men had a shot at the net and could not do any good. Franks scored their only goal.

The Navy's two goals were registered by Lake, who whizzed two fast ones into the net after good team work. Final scores were Navy 2; Kowloon 1.

The men who took the water were: Kowloon—Angus, Franks, Ralton, Henry, Parer, Bliss, Kerr.

Navy—Hampton, Beach, North, Bell, Lake, Foreman, Singleton.

Second Division.

Kowloon's weak forwards were also evident in the second division game when they met the Heavy Battery. Easy chances of scoring were wasted by one goal to nil. Paget's inclusion in the first team made the second seven weak, and two or three new men made their appearance. It was Kowloon's solid defence that won them the match for the Service men were allowed very few shots at goal. Kowloon's score came from a pretty piece of team work by the Murphy brothers.

Final scores.—Kowloon 1; Heavy Battery nil.

The teams were: Heavy Battery.—Moore, Hayward, Wilson, Breeds, Hesketh, Trice, Leadbeater.

Kowloon.—B. Angus, Harvey, E. Murphy, Stoker, J. Murphy, Speirs, Brokenshire.

Mr. Weyman refereed both games.

AMERICAN BASEBALL.

SCORES IN THE GAMES PLAYED DURING WEEK-END.

New York, July 7.
The following are results of Saturday's games:

National League.		
Philadelphia	5, Boston	17
Philadelphia	4, Boston	7
New York	11, Brooklyn	3
Pittsburgh	3, Chicago	12
St. Louis	6, Cincinnati	4

American League.		
Boston	2, Philadelphia	7
Chicago	3, St. Louis	1
Detroit	8, Cleveland	6
Washington	3, New York	2

Sunday's games resulted as follows:

National League.		
New York	10, Philadelphia	8
New York	6, Philadelphia	2
Brooklyn	10, Boston	4
St. Louis	2, Pittsburgh	1
St. Louis	12, Pittsburgh	4
Cincinnati	5, Chicago	4
Cincinnati	8, Chicago	7

American League.		
Washington	3, New York	2
Boston	3, Philadelphia	4
Chicago	2, Detroit	5
Cleveland	7, St. Louis	0

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RELIGIOUS TREND IN AMERICA.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC PREPONDERANCE.

Some striking changes in the bewilderingly diversified religious life of America are revealed for the first time in an elaborate census of churches, financed by John D. Rockefeller, Junior.

Certain new denominations are making such rapid strides in comparison with older creeds as to suggest fundamental changes in the religious thinking of large sections of the population.

Christian Scientists and Mormons are among the four relatively new bodies of importance that have more than doubled their membership in the past 20 years.

Mormons now have a ninth total church membership in Utah and one-half in Idaho. There are altogether 212 separate denominations with 40,300,000 members and 232,000 churches.

Half Church Members.

Despite modern tendencies, the growth of church membership has kept pace with population increase, except in the large cities, and of every hundred adult persons, 55 are to-day church members.

Roman Catholics form the largest single body with 13,000,000 adult members; the Methodist Episcopal Church coming second with 3,700,000.

Jews and Christian Scientists are the most highly urban of all the large denominations, 94 per cent. of their membership coming from city churches.

One surprising discovery made by the inquiry is that a large proportion of the ministers have had little or no academic training. More than three-eighths of the ministers of 13 of the largest White denominations, and three-fourths of the three leading Negro bodies, were not graduates of college or seminary.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.	
Hongkong Bank, \$1515 ss.	
Chartered Bank, \$164 b.	
Mercantile A. & B., \$284 n.	
East Asia \$121 n.	
Insurances.	
Canton Ins., \$950 n.	
Union Ins., \$450 s.	
North China Ins., Tls. 160 b.	
Yangtze Ins., \$50 n.	
China Underwriters, \$3. s.	
China Fire, \$400 b.	
H. K. Fire Ins., \$950 n.	
Shipping.	
Douglases, \$24 b.	
H. K. Steamboats, \$241 s.	
Indo-China, (Def.) \$43 n.	
Union Waterboats \$32 n.	
Mining.	
Benguets, \$31 n.	
Kailans, 32/6 n.	
Langkats, Tls. 13/10 n.	
S'hai Explorations, Tls. 130 b.	
Raubs, \$23 n.	
Tronoha, 21/- n.	
Docks, etc.	
Kowloon Wharves, \$172 s.	
Whampoa Docks, \$39 n.	
China Providents \$5 40 s.	
Hongkews, Tls 265 b.	
New Engineering, Tls. 8 b.	
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 130 n.	
Cottons.	
Ewo Cottons, Tls. 12 s.	
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 86 (old) n.	
Lands, Hotels, etc.	
H. and S. Hotels, \$111 s.	
H. K. Lands, \$82 s.	
S'hai Lands Tls. 285 b.	
Humphreys, \$16 60 n.	
Realities, \$9 60 s.	
Chinese Estates \$98 s.	
Public Utilities.	
Tramways, \$20 20 s.	
Peak Trams (old) \$124 b.	
Star Ferries, \$34 s.	
China Lights, (Old) \$27.25 s.	

ENGLAND'S TEST TEAM.

FIVE PLAYERS DROPPED FOR THIRD MATCH.

London, July 7.
No less than five players who appeared in the second Test have been dropped for the third which starts at Leeds on Friday, July 11. The players to go are Woolley, White, Robins and Allen, while Hendren has been selected as twelfth man. Their places are taken by Sutcliffe, Larwood, Leyland, Dick Tyldesley and Geary. The English team is therefore as follows:

A. P. F. Chapman (Kent) (Capt).
K. S. Duleepsinhji (Sussex).
J. B. Hobbs (Surrey).
H. Sutcliffe (Yorkshire).
M. W. Tate (Sussex).
H. Larwood (Notts).
W. R. Hammond (Gloucestershire).
G. Duckworth (Lancashire).
M. Leyland (Yorkshire).
Dick Tyldesley (Lancashire).
G. Geary (Leicestershire).
Twelfth man: E. Hendren.—Reuter.

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Macao Electric, \$23 n.
Telephones \$221 b.
China Buses, Tls. 181 b.
Singapore Traction, 10/- s.

China Sugars, \$1. s.
Malabons, \$27 n.
Cald. Macg. Ord. Tls. 11.25 n.
Canton Ices, \$2.50 n.
Cements (Comb.) \$19.40 b.

Ropes \$11. b.
United Asbestos \$5 b.
Stores, etc.

Dairy Farms, \$24.90 s.
Watsons, \$124 n.
Dor A. Wings, \$1 b.

Lane Crawfords, \$3.35 n.
Mackintoshes, \$18 b.
Sinceros, \$11.30 n.

Miscellaneous.
Amusements, \$251 s.
Constructions, \$1.91 b.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 63 3/4 n.
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CHAPTER XLII.

Alan did not want to think of Natalie, as he rushed up to Bernadine's in response to the urgent summons from Dr. Wagnall, but he could not put her out of his mind.

She was always present in his thoughts whenever he went to Bernadine's. "It's because we used to live in Westchester," he told himself, half angrily, half excitedly. "He did not want to believe Natalie, now held even the tiniest place in his heart."

He had not forgiven her for her last letter—she wrote it in anger—though he kept it where he could read it often: "Just to remind myself what an utterly callous creature she is," he would say to himself. "Giving me my freedom! What a gesture! As though she had not ended everything through what she did to Bernadine!"

Bernadine's gradual, but steady sinking, turned his heart to stone against Natalie. Whenever he looked at the sick woman's sunken cheeks and deeply recessed eyes, he felt a new wave of anger come over him.

For Bernadine had never left her bed after Dr. Wagnall had said she must stay there until he gave her permission to get up. To the medical man, the end was coming about as he expected, but Alan could not escape the belief Bernadine had suffered a shock through Natalie's act from which she could not recover.

Had Dr. Wagnall, or Bernadine either, guessed what was on his mind, they could have told him he was wrong—that what was happening had been inevitable for a long time.

But Alan kept his bitterness to himself, and strove to be cheerful when in Bernadine's company. He thought he was making her believe he was happy, but when she closed her eyes, to rest, as he imagined, it was because she could not bear to see the hidden pain that lay in his.

Her heart ached for him because he had lost the woman she was certain he loved, but she did not guess he was constantly burning his memories of Natalie on a pyre of hatred.

He never talked to her of Natalie, or of Phillipa either. Only Bernadine's almost supernatural perception enabled her to see that he was suffering. Once he had come close to telling her about Phillipa—with a vague idea that they ought to meet and discuss Bobby's future welfare together. But in his sensitiveness he shrank from bringing such a suggestion of the end to Bernadine.

He decided it would be best not to speak of Phillipa. Perhaps it would worry Bernadine to know that there was already a girl chosen to be Bobby's foster-mother. For Alan had come to accept Phillipa as a fixture in his life with equanimity.

He was rather glad of her. She adored Bobby. Her disappointment because Bernadine would not allow the little boy to leave the house—Phillipa wanted Alan to bring him down to the office—touched Alan.

Phillipa's disappointment was real enough—there were so many things that Bobby, while enjoying a big dish of ice cream, might have told her. Things that she didn't like to ask Alan directly. And there was no other way of finding them out, for Alan was maddeningly reserved these days.

She wanted to know, for instance, just how ill Bernadine was. She could have asked Bobby how many times a day the doctor came to see his mother, and weighed the answer for herself. She could have asked him if anybody had talked to him about going away to a school—a plan that Alan told her had been suggested in the event of his mother's dying.

But Alan did not say that the plan had been suggested by the nurse, Nellie, who was fearful that Alan's guardianship of the boy would mean that she would lose the child entirely if he were taken into Alan's home. She knew her shortcomings, Nellie did, and she had a very earnest conviction she would not be engaged to look after Bobby when a sterner mistress than Bernadine was doing the engaging. She had in mind a professional housekeeper, and they were "worse than the wives," to Nellie.

She could at least, she figured, visit Bobby once in a while if he were in a school. Alan had not seriously considered the plan, but he had spoken of it to Phillipa, without giving his opinion on the subject, and she had fed herself with the hope that it might be carried out. To have a kid like Bobby around the house would drive her wild, she declared—in secret.

Alan, on his way now to Bernadine, despairing of seeing her alive, felt infinitely grateful for Phillipa. She would help him; she would be a real mother to Bobby.

He always thought something pleasant about Phillipa when Natalie threatened to obsess his mind. It helped him to forget her. But Phillipa was not unfailingly effective. Even to the door of Bernadine's house Alan thought of Natalie.

Oh, why, why, why couldn't she have been as good as she looked? When this was over, and Bernadine was "out there," Natalie, in their house a few streets away could have made everything so different—so bearable.

He rang the doorbell, with a feeling of hopelessness. Why was it, he wondered, that people always expected a man to meet these crises with undaunted courage? He would have given anything at that moment to have Natalie at his side.

Always going back to Natalie! He recognized the unformed wish in his mind as an outcropping of what he called "his damnable weakness." The weakness of which he was ashamed. Why couldn't he sustain his disgust and contempt for her? Why were his heart and his mind always engaged in warfare over her?

Well, no matter. His heart had won once—now it was time for his head to take control of his destiny.

His anxiety over Bernadine deepened the moment the door was opened for him. It was not Nellie's tear-stained face that he saw. A strange maid told him, in a rushed and frightened tone, that he was to go up immediately.

Halfway up the stairs he heard Nellie speaking to Bobby, evidently trying to restrain the boy from going to his mother's room. Her voice wrung Alan's heart.

"Hush, darlin', hush. Mother can't see you now. Be a good boy, Bobby, please."

Bobby's childish treble, raised in protest against this interference, caused Alan to reach hastily for his handkerchief.

"But I want to tell Mummy I've built a bridge," Bobby cried. "She wanted me to build her a bridge, and I've built it."

"She'll know, darlin'." She'll know everything you do; when you're a good boy and when you're not."

Alan went on, but an icy chill had gripped him. He was, then, too late. The maid's nod when he had whispered in the hall: "How is she?" had meant that Bernadine was gone.

One of the nurses who had been in constant attendance upon Bernadine of late, opened the door and said in a professionally subdued voice: "Come in."

Alan looked hastily toward the bed. Dr. Wagnall was bent over Bernadine as a fixture in his life with equanimity.

"She will not know you," the physician said, straightening up. "She's in a coma."

It seemed to Alan that he stood there in a state of soul-trying inactivity for time unending. The helplessness of man when he would hold a soul from departing mortal clay appalled him. Beads of moisture dotted his brow, but his lips were dry as sun-baked sand.

In reality it was less than half an hour before the doctor looked at him, and said gravely: "She's dead."

Alan stood a moment longer, silently wishing God-speed to the voyager on her long journey. Then he turned with the steps of an old man and went out.

Life seemed heavy, crushing, a burden. Had there even been any joy in it? Would Bobby smile again when his childish mind grasped the sorrowful fact that his "Mummy" was not there any more?

Nellie was at the door of the nursery. Bobby had tired himself into his afternoon nap, long delayed, and freed her to go to her beloved mistress.

She saw Alan walking wearily down the hall and one glance at his pallid face told her it was over. With a muffled cry she stepped out into the hall and closed the door of the nursery behind her, instinctively thinking of Bobby.

She ran to Bernadine's door just as Dr. Wagnall was coming out. He told the nurse in charge to let her in.

Alan looked at her as she flew to the bed. "I'll wait," he said to Dr. Wagnall, "to help her with Bobby."

"In the meantime," Dr. Wagnall replied, "will you come downstairs, Mr. Converse? It's imperative that we discuss certain matters at once."

Alan knew what it was he wanted to talk about. "I'll take

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A row of houses in Leopold-street, Birmingham, in a congested district, narrowly escaped destruction by fire. A sawmill, where the fire originated, was badly damaged, and firemen fought desperately to prevent adjacent dwellings becoming involved. The fire burst through the timber and brickwork at one point, and Joseph Wilkinson, son of an occupier, had to be rescued by the brigade, having been overpowered by heat and smoke.

charge of everything, doctor," he said when they reached the lower hall. "Mrs. Lamont arranged it legally, I believe."

The doctor looked at him keenly. "I'm glad to know the boy is going to be well looked after," he said, extending his hand. "I'm sorry I've so little time—I'd like to stay and go into some of these matters with you, but I've neglected my patients too long as it is. Fortunately, none of them were in danger."

"I feel I might thank you, doctor, for devoting so much time to . . . to . . . Alan's voice broke over Bernadine's name; he could not utter it."

Alan watched him go with regret. Now he was alone, with grief-stricken servants and a motherless boy.

The sound of Nellie's sobbing, now beyond her control, came down to him. Slowly he mounted the stairs. Surely she would wake Bobby, and he would have to tell him . . . what should he tell him? What should he do with him? He could think of but one person to help him. Phillipa!

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"The Company will be able to offer Hongkong real civil aviation within the next two or three months," Mr. Vaughan Fowler states. British machines of the latest types are coming from England for use in the Colony and it is hoped soon to be able to arrange flying here so that the public can hire machines to take them for flights over the neighbouring waters which are more beautiful from the air than from the ground.

Mr. Vaughan Fowler states that at the end of the week Mr. A. V. Harvey, a fully qualified test and demonstration pilot is due to arrive. He will assist in the development of Hongkong aviation. Mr. Harvey was until recently in the Royal Air Force as an instructor.

Mr. Vaughan Fowler foreshadows great developments in the next 12 months. Flying Clubs in England are progressing and increasing so fast that two or three aeroplane meetings are held weekly, he says. There are nearly 200 private owners who use their machines in the same way as cars.

Latest Aircraft.

While in England Mr. Vaughan Fowler was particularly impressed with the Avro general purpose and training machine fitted with the Armstrong Siddeley "Linx" engine, which is especially suitable for all kinds of Air Force training.

"In the past," he says, "the pilot's cockpit has been a mass of

NORWEGIAN STEAMER SUNK.

DAMP TO GOES DOWN AFTER COLLISION IN FOG.

Seoul, July 7.

The wireless station here has picked up a message stating that the Norwegian steamer Damp to collided with the Hosen Maru of the Dairen Kisen Kaisha at 4.50 this morning off the Shantung Peninsula.

The collision took place in a dense fog and the Damp to sunk immediately, but her crew were saved.

—Reuter.
[The Damp to is a steel ship of 2,494 tons, built in 1921 by the Fifth Ship Building and Engineering Co., Ltd. for Rederi A/S Damp, of Oslo, Norway. The Hosen Maru is a ship of 1,640 tons built in 1891 by the Allsa Shipbuilding Co., of Tromsø.]

controls but in this new machine Messrs. A. V. Roe & Co. have done away with all cockpit obstructions and the seating accommodation is so comfortable that neither pilot nor passenger is fatigued. The most up-to-date commercial machine I saw was the Avro 5, a three-engined, five-passenger machine in which the pilot is enclosed in a small cabin in the front of the monoplane wing while the passengers are accommodated in an extremely comfortable cabin in the main body of the fuselage. A machine of this kind will probably be used in flights round the island."

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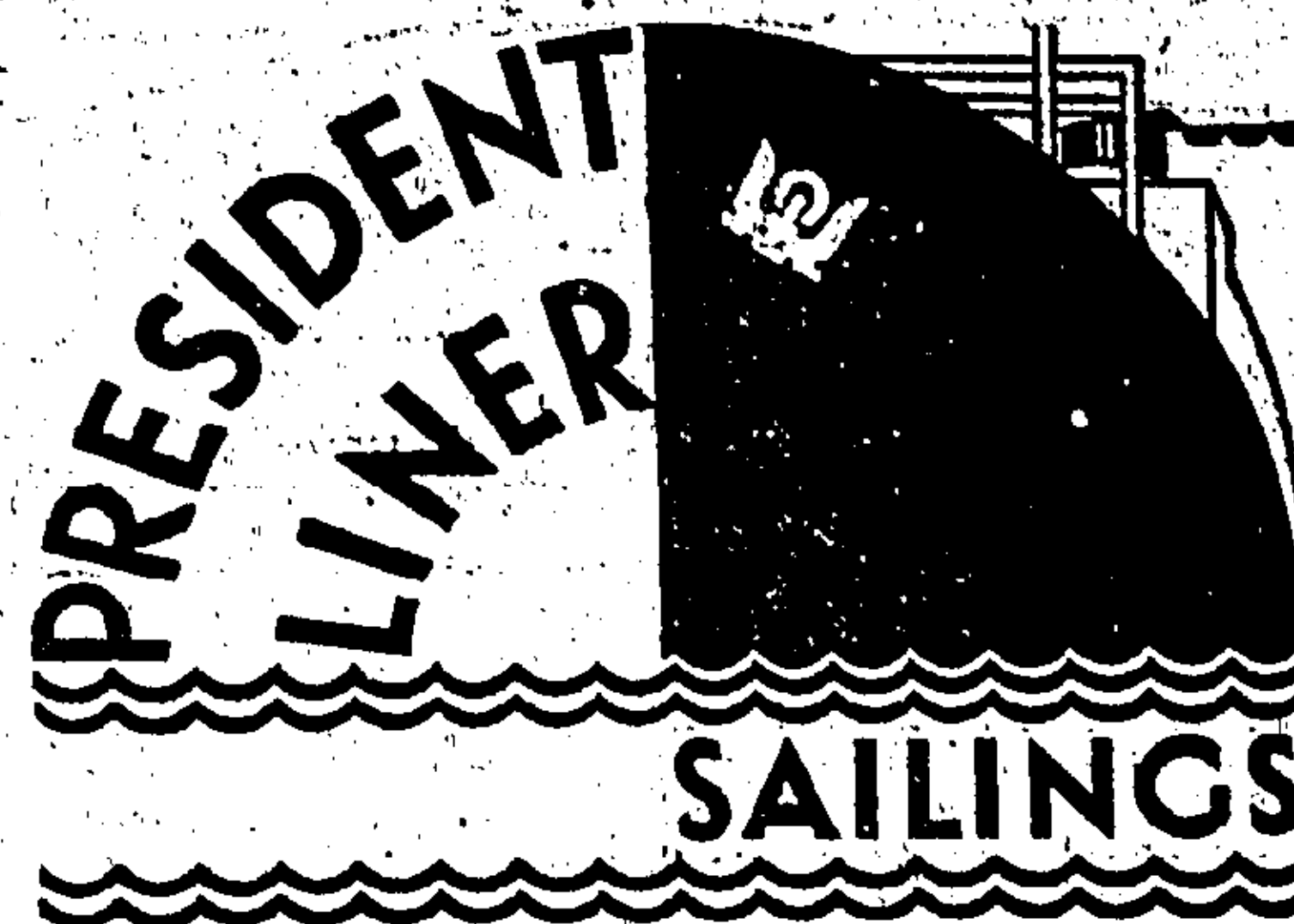
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NOTTS. LEAD THE AUSTRALIANS.

LITTLE PROSPECT OF MATCH BEING FINISHED.

VICTORY FOR ESSEX.

London, July 7. Notts have secured a very useful lead on the first innings against the Australians, but there is little prospect of the match being decided. The Australians went in on Saturday and were dismissed for a total of 296. Of this, McCabe made 58; Richardson 55 and Kippax 93. Voce was the most successful bowler and took four wickets for 86 runs.

Notts scored more rapidly than the Australians when they went to the wicket this morning and by the time stumps were drawn they had compiled 387 for the loss of nine wickets. The innings was marked by a fine batting display by Whysall, who scored 120. Walker made 53. This was Whysall's third century in consecutive innings, he passing the hundred mark in both innings against Hampshire last week.

One of the County matches finished to-day when Essex beat Glamorgan by 178 runs. Essex made 206 in the first innings, Pope being not out with 87 to his credit when the innings closed. Mercer was the most successful Glamorgan bowler and took six for 55. Glamorgan were soon skittled out when they went in to bat, Nichols taking six wickets for 39 runs. The whole side was out for a modest 119. Going in for the second knock Essex found Ryan very troublesome and they could do no better than compile 148.

Ryan took eight of the wickets for 53 runs. Glamorgan failed miserably in their second knock, however, the team being dismissed for only 67 runs. Nichols took four wickets for 13.—*Reuter*.

MERCHANT SHIPS' LOAD LINES.

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allows. That a special freeboard table for tankers be drawn up by international agreement.

International Rules.

10.—That the lines to be used in connexion with the load line disc to indicate the maximum load line in different circumstances and at different seasons be defined.

11.—That in view of the general understanding that an international conference on the load lines of merchant ships will be convened in the near future with the object of obtaining international agreement on the subject, the adoption of the rules be postponed until the result of that conference is known.

12.—That in the event of international rules being adopted, it is of vital importance that arrangements be agreed for the uniform application of these rules, and for preventing the contravention of these rules by overloading or by any other means.

TEXTILE EXPORT TO FAR EAST.

CREDITS SCHEME EXTENSION SUGGESTED.

London, July 7. In the House of Commons to-day, the Rev. R. Sorensen (Labour, West Leyton) suggested an extension of the export credits scheme to cover export textile and soft goods to Ceylon and the Far East.

Mr. G. M. Gillett, Parliamentary Secretary to the Overseas Trade Department, replied that the decision to exclude textiles so far as certain Far Eastern markets were concerned was made at the request of the Manchester and Bradford Chambers of Commerce and after consulting the Eastern banks.

In the absence of any information that the views of these bodies had changed he did not propose to modify the existing arrangements.—*Reuter*.

TILDEN NOT PLAYING IN DAVIS CUP.

WOULD HAVE TO CANCEL HIS WRITING CONTRACTS.

London, July 7. Tilden has refused an invitation to join America's Davis Cup team in the Inter-Zone final at Paris owing to the fact that he has committed himself to newspaper contracts which he would have to cancel under the player-writer rule.—*Reuter*.

MOSCOW EMBLEM ON YANGTZE.

BANDITS CONTROL BIG AREA.

RED HORDES SOVIETIZING COUNTRYSIDE.

MERCHANTS SLAIN.

Shanghai, June 30. Communists flying red flags bearing the symbol of the hammer and sickle, Moscow's own emblem, are lining both banks of the Yangtze river in the vicinity of Shasi, according to foreign messages received in Shanghai yesterday.

The communists are reported to be in strong force but up to the present there have been no attempts made to attack foreign steamers on the river.

For some time past, foreign vessels plying on that section of the river have been carrying guards furnished by the various foreign navies as a protection against threatened communist and bandit attacks.

Widespread Terror.

Apparently, the communists noted near Shasi are distinct from the other bands now controlling large areas of Kiangsi and Hunan provinces, but their presence accentuates the seriousness of the river situation where these red hordes have overthrown all authority and are conducting little so-called areas of their own, spreading terror throughout the countryside.

According to information from Hankow, 81 hsien of Kiangsi province are under a form of communist control, although some of the bandits are a little pink in their political professions.

Wholesale Slaughter.

Describing their methods, the report states that the communists first strike terror into the hearts of the villagers by murder and slaughter, generally committed in the busiest part of the day and thereafter Red rule is started with a vengeance.

Prominent merchants answering the roll-call, on the entry of these sovietized bands are cruelly slain. Then follows the distribution of communist tracts calling upon the populace to join the Red army at \$30 per month, or the selling of their rifle for \$40 plus additional sums for any ammunition they possess. What is more, the troops are paid punctually.

Four red armies terrorize Kiangsi to-day, under Chu Teh, Pang Teh-hwei, and two others.

Residents Sovietized.

Officers of the various Red armies are of the educated class—returned students—who finding their labours in foreign universities fruitless in China have turned their hands to the furtherance of communist ideals. In the "Red" districts the residents have been sovietized, in this, they are ruled by Soviet orders. Once the district is under communist rule collective farming is enforced. The fields are divided into areas of 15 mow and given out gratis to each male. Females being dependent on their fathers or husbands are prohibited from owning land, nevertheless, they share in the division of the harvest. The crops are placed in sealed granaries and later apportioned in lots of five loads per human being.

Forced to Join.

Among other regulations laid down by the officials is one which states that one male from every family must serve in the Red army. An inducement is offered in this that in certain organizations every soldier is allowed to have \$30 in his possession. Should at any time his portion fall short—which is rather often—he is allowed to raid a house and thus make up the deficiency while any surplus must be turned over to his superior officer. The labourers are thus forced to join the movement under pain of death. So strong is the Red sphere of influence that Kianfu was evacuated two weeks ago. Missionaries were transported on native house-boats escorted by well-armed troops.

The Communist officers state that they are confident of a world wide communist uprising taking place some time before the end of the year, as orders had been received from Moscow to this effect. This communist wave will start in China right through to India.

SHOWERY WEATHER.

The Royal Observatory reports that a shallow depression covers China. Conditions are disturbed over the Gulf of Tongking. A trough of low pressure extends from Luzon to North Annam. The local forecast is:—East winds, fresh, variable; showery.

PREMIER & NAVY TREATY.

IMPERIAL CONFERENCE MAY DISCUSS ISSUES.

TONNAGE QUESTION.

London, July 7. In the House of Commons to-day, various questions regarding the Naval Treaty were addressed to the Prime Minister.

Replying, Mr. Ramsay MacDonald said that at the time when the preliminary negotiations took place, in August and September last, with the United States, the question of cruiser replacement was considered by the Admiralty and a figure of 91,000 tons was put forward for new tonnage to be completed by the end of 1936. This figure was employed in the ensuing conversations, which had for their object the removal of the earlier difficulties in regard to cruiser limitation.

These preliminary conversations were for the purpose only of clearing the ground prior to the London Conference. The figure of 91,000 tons was finally fixed during the Conference, when, after negotiations with the United States and Japan, it was found that it met the British replacement requirements within the terms of the Treaty.

The Prime Minister added that the forthcoming Imperial Conference might well afford the Conference an opportunity for discussing the naval building programme in the light of the London Naval Treaty. The definite question of discussing the limitations of tonnage which the Treaty imposed could be raised by any Dominion that so desired.—*British Wireless*.

ANXIETY ON THE YANGTZE.

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The management of the railway hopes to restore normal traffic at the earliest possible opportunity.

Tsingtao Oppressed.

Chinese firms at Tsingtao threaten a strike consequent on an abortive petition to the Nationalist Commanders, who are enforcing new taxation to secure war funds, requesting the postponement of the new taxes.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce to-day had a fruitless interview with the militarists who were stubborn in their refusal not to withdraw the new taxation.

Steamers Commandeered.

Shanghai, July 7. It is reported that the Government have commandeered twenty Chinese steamers to transport troops from Hankow to Pukow.—*Reuter*.

Severe Fighting Anticipated.

Peking, July 7. There has been no news of fighting for several days. Han Fu-chu is concentrating his forces at Tsingchow while reinforcements from Nanking are believed to have reached Yenchow. The vernacular papers anticipate severe fighting there in the next four or five days.—*Reuter*.

INDIA SITUATION IMPROVES.

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Peshawar Events.

Simla, July 7. The official Committee of Enquiry into the rioting at Peshawar has upheld the action of the civil and military authorities in dealing with the disturbances. The Government of India has accepted the Committee's findings.

The Committee consisted of Sir Shah Muhammad Sulaiman, the High Court Judge, and Mr. Pankridge, the Assistant High Court Judge.

The events referred to occurred at the end of April.

Sir Sulaiman holds that the events prior to the second firing did not justify the firing to the extent resorted to. Mr. Pankridge holds that it was justified. The Government has accepted the latter view, but gives an assurance that points raised by Sir Sulaiman will be carefully considered.

Sir Sulaiman believes that some persons were run over by an armoured car before the despatch rider was attacked, and is of opinion that otherwise the situation would not have assumed such a serious aspect. Mr. Pankridge did not feel justified in coming to this conclusion on the evidence. The Government agree to consult the military authorities with regard to the danger of the use of armoured cars to quell civil disorders.—*Reuter*.

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